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Department secretaries and directors will also receive 12.5-percent cuts in their salaries along with all other contract and excepted service employees as early as mid-May, while temporary employees in the Executive Branch will get the ax as early as June 1, the Fitial administration said during the weekend.

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29th Flame Tree Arts Fest draws hundreds

Hundreds of residents and tourists took time off to witness the opening ceremonies of the 29th Flame Tree Arts Festival held at the Civic Center in Susupe Saturday morning.

The three-day festival is the biggest arts event in Micronesia,

showcasing local crafts and celebrating the various cultures and traditions in Micronesia.

This year's theme was "Weaving Arts and Culture for Social & Economic Opportunities."

In his opening remarks, Com-

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D' Isla Dancers of Rota entertain the crowd with their traditional dance performances during the 29th Annual Flame Tree Arts Festival, the biggest cultural event in Micronesia, held at the Civic Center Park in Susupe on Saturday. Inset shows Inetnon Gef Pago dancers of Guam at the three-day event, which ended yesterday on Saipan. More pictures on Page 14.

DLNR: Feds to survey remote Northern Islands

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Biologists from different parts of the U.S. will be taking part in at least three months of assessment of the remote Northern Islands as part of a U.S. military undertaking, said CNMI Department of Lands and Natural Resources Secretary Dr. Ignacio "Ike" Dela Cruz.

This is the same Northern Islands project. See DLNR on Page 4

Wasp, moth killing trees in the CNMI



Erythrina Gall wasp

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A type of wasp has been tagged as the culprit behind the decline in the number of coral or gao gao trees, while a certain moth has become a serious pest of fruits in the CNMI, according to a local entomologist.

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Local



CTSI Logistics employees and officials, Frank Camacho, and representatives of Shirley's Coffee Shop and Angelo O'Connor Villagomez pose with Beautify CNMI officials after being presented awards on Saturday at the 29th Flame Tree Arts Festival's main stage.

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CTSI Logistics, Shirley's, 2 others get environment awards

2009. A team of the Neighborhood Watch volunteers began by cleaning and clearing the surroundings, the parking lot, the basketball court and the benches and tables. Eventually, they were able to clean up the restroom facility and restore power. Camacho continues to enlist village residents and plead with elected leaders to assist in continuing cleanup efforts across Dandan.

CTSI Logistics team members and Frank Camacho have been recognized as Beautify CNMI's 2010 Environmental Champions during an awards ceremony held Saturday at the 29th Flame Tree Arts Festival's main stage.

At the same occasion, Beautify CNMI named Shirley's Coffee Shop and Angelo O'Connor Villagomez as its 2010 Environmental Stewards.

The awards are given out to recognize individuals, organizations, and businesses that have proven to be environmental leaders in volunteering and advocating for the environment in the Commonwealth.

The Environmental Champion award recognizes a person or group that exemplifies the Beautify CNMI spirit: volunteerism, cooperation, innovation, creativity and the ability to infect others with the "beauty virus." The Environmental Champion is a role model for others to follow; they make things happen and effect change.

CTSI Logistics, a Tan Holdings company, adopted Susupe Park in January 2009. Since, then they have been providing cleanup and improvement projects every last Saturday of the month. Projects include trash pickup, graffiti removal, restroom restoration and the installation of trash and recycling bins. Employees and company officials regularly participate in cleanups.

"For CTSI, the Susupe Park Clean Up Project means a proactive role in saving not only the trees, shrubs and plants in the park as it is also meant to take care of our park facilities by doing our share for this wonderful community," said Ariel L. Mariano, volunteer and Tan Holdings employee.

Frank Camacho was recognized for his role as Community Block Captain with the Dandan Neighborhood Watch program. Aside from patrolling the neighborhood, he initiated a community cleanup effort with a special focus on the Dandan Children's Park in July

"It's hard to know where to start when you are wondering if anyone else cares or wants to help. Frank demonstrated that it just takes the willingness to unite and to get involved to help our community," said Laurie Peterka, Beautify CNMI volunteer PR coordinator.

The Environmental Steward award recognizes a person or group that leads the community in activities that help protect the environment in a variety of ways.

This year, Shirley's Coffee Shop is being recognized for its outstanding efforts in setting an example as excellent community partners, adopting a spot and helping clean and beautify their adopted area every month. Shirley's has been a coalition partner of Beautify CNMI! since its inception four years ago. "We appreciate that Shirley's staff and management continues to participate and spread the "beauty virus"—they helped start the concepts and continue to lead by example," said Cinta Kaipat, founder of the Beautify CNMI! coalition.

Angelo O'Connor Villagomez is being recognized for his untiring efforts with numerous environmental volunteer activities, dedication to teaching and encouraging others and leading by example. Since first helping to spearhead Beautify CNMI! in 2006, Villagomez organized and attended hundreds of trash cleanups and tree plantings. In 2008, Villagomez helped lead effort that led to the creation of the Marianas Trench Marine National Monument.

"Angelo's energy and enthusiasm helped take our efforts in cleaning up Saipan to a whole new level. He is missed, but we try to carry on in the path he helped us get started," said Joe Kaipat, Department of Environmental Quality and strong Beautify CNMI! member.

Beautify CNMI hands out the Steward and Champion Awards each year in Spring. (PR)

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UPDATE ON FEDERALIZATION LAWSUIT

Fitial administration is just waiting for DHS' final regs

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The Fitial administration is only waiting for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to publish the final form of regulations relating to the CNMI-only transitional workers permitting program before making any decision on the government's lawsuit against federalization.

The U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia had stopped the implementation of the regulations' earlier form—at the Commonwealth's request—because DHS failed to comply with the notice and comment provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act before coming out with the rules.

Fitial's special legal counsel, Howard P. Willens, told *Saipan Tribune* Friday that only when DHS issues the final form of the regulations will they make any move on the issue.

"When DHS issues the regulations in final form, we expect that the department will move to dismiss the third count of the complaint on the grounds that the department has now fully complied with the relevant provisions of the APA," he said.

Lawyers caution public in case against OPA chief investigator

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Lawyers representing Juan M. Santos, the chief investigator of the Office of Public Auditor who was arrested on Friday for alleged unlawful purchase of ammunition, have cautioned the public from jumping to conclusion before knowing all the facts.

"A person who is arrested is only alleged to have committed a crime," attorneys Joseph Norita Camacho and Viola Alepuyo told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday in an e-mail.

Camacho and Alepuyo said they have known Santos for many years.

"Juan Santos has served the CNMI community for over 20 years as a police officer at the Department of Public Safety and as an investigator at the Office of the Public Auditor. The U.S. and CNMI Constitutions presume that a person is innocent," the lawyers said.

Saipan Tribune learned that Santos was one of the lead investigators in the case against a former official of the Department of Public Works and a businessman who are facing charges of illegally transferring \$1,185 worth of diesel fuel and a \$58,000 government-owned bulldozer to a private company.

Willens said the Commonwealth will consult with its lawyers to determine if any further relief should be sought from the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

"If no further relief is to be sought in this pending case, the third count will be dismissed and the question for the Commonwealth at that time will be whether it wishes to appeal any aspect of the court's earlier ruling with respect to counts one and two of the complaint challenging certain provisions of the Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008 (federalization law)," Willens said.

In November 2009, U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia Judge Paul L. Friedman upheld the constitutionality of the law that applies federal immigration laws to the CNMI. This resulted in the dismissal of two of the three-count lawsuit filed by the Fitial administration to block the federal takeover of the local immigration system.

What remains pending in court is count 3, DHS' alleged violation of the APA.

Jenner & Block, counsel for the CNMI, argued that DHS violated the APA by promulgating the regulations required by Pub-

lic Law 110-229 without giving the CNMI and other stakeholders notice and an opportunity to comment.

In dismissing counts 1 and 2, Friedman described the Commonwealth's arguments "unpersuasive, unavailing, and just plain wrong."

In the dismissed count 1, the CNMI claimed that federalization is in violation of sections 103 and 105 of the Covenant.

Section 103 of the Covenant authorizes the Commonwealth to exercise the right to local self-government and to govern

itself with respect to its internal affairs in accordance with its Constitution.

Section 105 of the Covenant

forbids the U.S. from abrogating the Commonwealth's right to local self-government without its consent.

In the dismissed count 2, the CNMI alleged that federalization is in violation of Article I of the U.S. Constitution.

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Administration, Fund teams agree to a new 'plan'

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The negotiating teams of the Fitial administration and NMI Retirement Fund have agreed to a new "plan" that will allow the use of a portion of the earnings from Fund assets to pay for the retirees' pension.

This was disclosed by Tony Muña, the leader of the administration's negotiating team, saying both parties have come to an agreement that was "realistic" and makes "fiscal sense."

Muna said a formula to determine the percentage of assets' earning that will be used to pay for the members' pensions is being finalized.

Muña disclosed that as of April 10, the Fund's investment assets amounted to \$338 million—a slight jump from the

previous month's figure of \$335 million.

The creation of the defined contribution plan, which closed the acceptance of new members into the defined benefit plan, is expected to result in the decrease in the Fund's accrued liability to members. Muña said there will be no reason to worry about the possibility of a higher liability to members in coming years.

He pointed out that by setting aside an amount to pay for obligations to members in 40 or 50 years, the Fund can come up with better plan for its future.

A court judgment has determined that the central government owes the Fund over \$231 million in unpaid employer contributions as of June 2009. The amount rose to \$280 million in December and is still growing.

Besides paying at a higher rate of 20 percent now and remitting some taxes

to the Fund, the government had said it has no other options to make additional payments to the Fund.

However, it recommended some ways on how the Fund could address all its liabilities and ensure the lifeline of the investment fund. One of those ways was using a portion of the assets' earnings as a means to prevent the Fund from relying on government payments at this time to pay for pension obligations.

The CNMI government, Muña said, has a serious financial problem, which is why it failed to fulfill its obligations to the Fund.

This year and next fiscal year are no exceptions to the bad economic state of the government; it projects to collect just \$132 million.

"We came out with the plan or model that will ensure we can bring closure to

the defined benefit plan. DBP is closed and there's no reason to believe that the ALL will continue to increase. When we closed DBP, then essentially on the time of closing, you pay off all your liabilities so whatever monies or assets that the Fund has at the time of closure...it will be zero," Muña explained, describing the "plan" as viable and will pay the last dollar liability of the Fund.

Last fiscal year, the Fund cashed out \$43 million of its investment funds,

mostly to pay for the pension of members. An estimated \$5 million is being paid monthly for members' pension.

Besides using a portion of the assets' earning, Muna said the Fund could also use the government's employer contributions and other earmarked revenues for pension obligations.

As for the Fund's administrative and capital expenses, Muña said these may be addressed by direct appropriation to the Fund.

DLNR

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ect that Public Lands consultant Felix Nogis would be working on when his federally funded DLNR contract of \$40,000 is finalized.

From May and August, biologists will be expected to come through and rotate among the islands to complete their surveys.

Dela Cruz said at least eight Northern Islands will be assessed starting in May, including Pagan, Sarigan, Alamagan, Agrihan and Maug.

The DLNR secretary said the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is spearheading the project. Project leader Curt C. Kessler could not be reached for comment.

"The project intends to come up with a baseline population of species like fruit bats, and maybe another species of bat, megapodes, lizards and coconut crabs. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife is doing this for the U.S. Navy," he said in an interview.

A federal job listing announced the need for camp managers to be posted on the remote islands of Sarigan, Alamagan, Pagan, Agrihan and Maug.

One of the five camp managers will be positioned in the main camp on Pagan and will serve as main coordinator for camp managers.

Actual camp setup may be from May 2010 to Sept. 1, 2010. But Dela Cruz said there may have been some changes in the project schedules.

The main camp manager will be responsible for 10 matters, including camp setup and maintenance, tracking of personnel in the field, maintaining communications with Saipan for support and with the CNMI Emergency Management Office for safety, and preparation of food/meals every day.

In May alone, the project manager will be responsible for the food/meals of 20 people on Pagan; 40 people in June; 40 people in July; and 15 people in August.

The four other islands will need to have enough food to support 10 people each month, from May to August.

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munity and Cultural Affairs Secretary Melvin Faisao emphasized the significant role of culture in the community. He said "culture is essential to [the] strengthening [of] our social fabric and maintaining our quality of life."

Gov. Benigno Fitial welcomed all delegates from Tinian, Rota, Guam and Kosrae, saying the annual festival "reaffirms our commitment to our cultural values and our traditional arts and crafts."

Fitial expressed hope "that this festival will continue to foster our relationships as island communities and strengthen our efforts to work together to infuse greater economic development in our region."

Every year, the festival is dedicated to artists who have passed away the previous year. This festival honored three artists from Saipan, Tinian and Rota.

Certificates of dedication were awarded to the families and representatives of musician Henry Lambert Untalan Hofschneider of Tinian, local weaver and healer Beata Duenas Mendiola of Rota, and musician Richard Naputi Borja Jr. of Saipan.

The family of Borja performed a song they composed in his honor after accepting the dedication.

Special recognition was also given to the festival's sponsors who were presented with a clock, coconut baskets and woven necklaces from Rota. Major sponsors for this year include Delta Air

Lines, IT&E, DFS Galleria Saipan, and Bank of Guam.

Local artists highlighted

A total of 75 arts and crafts booths displayed various art creations and knick-knacks by local artists at this year's festival.

For Damien Jim Atalig of Koblerville, joining the festival for the first time is especially important for him. "I did this in honor of my mom," he explained, giving a fleeting look at his mom's portrait displayed at his booth. Atalig's mom, Elsie Ngirchechol, passed away a day after Christmas in 2009.

According to Atalig's sister, Frances Accad, Atalig took care of their mom for three years. Accad disclosed that Atalig would work on his art at night while he looked after their mom. He would create a masterpiece out of driftwood lying on the beach and wires taken from old computers.

These pieces included a dreamcatcher, a skull made of wires and marble, a hand with three fingers wrapped in wire, and two hands each holding a ball made of wires.

Joe "Joe Ant" Ayuyu, a member of the Rota delegation, said he saw this cartoon show that has ants as characters and was inspired by it. He makes ant figures using round bojobo seeds that can only be found on Rota. Prices for Ayuyu's ant merchandise ranged from \$5 to \$25 apiece.

Guam's Frank Lizama maintains that every year, they are always the biggest off-island delegation at the festival.

"Flame Tree Arts Festival is a beautiful occasion and they always look forward to [it]," he added.

This year's Guam delegation has six booths, 15 crafters, and over 60 performers, according to Lizama. The booths display products such as sinahi ("new moon"), bone and gian clam carvings, and knives created by their very own family of crafters. Despite the tough economy, they were still hoping for the best this year, said Lizama.

For 78-year-old artist Eusebio "Sabe" Chargualaf, painting is a hobby that he's been doing for the last 50-60 years. Sabe said he paints human faces but most of his artwork reflect island living. Some of his works displayed in his booth were places and things that would remind one of Saipan, Tinian, Guam and Palau.

Kosrae Visitors Bureau administrator Grant Ismael said that it's his first time to represent his island at the arts festival. "I want to learn and find out how to put together such an event as well as promote the island of Kosrae."

Kosrae's booth featured unique products made by their carvers and weavers. These consisted of authentic fans from Malem, traditional baskets made of Pandanas leaves, and carvings of animals and fish wildlife.

Ismael said he was the only delegate from Kosrae because of budget constraints, although he added that he would be "very interested to come again and hopefully bring more delegates" for the 30th year of the festival. *(Saipan Tribune)*

Torres said while he agrees with the NMC-CREES assessment that the scarlet gourd situation on Saipan is improving, he has also witnessed damage done to a medicinal tree on Saipan called the coral or gao gao tree.

But Quintanilla said these biological controls do not successfully feed or reproduce on other hosts beside scarlet gourd.

She said the insect that is attacking the gao gao or Erythrina trees is the Erythrina Gall wasp. This insect was first described in Taiwan, and is attacking gao gao trees in Hawaii.

Quintanilla described the insect as "very small, almost as small as dust, and can travel inside a person's luggage, inside airplanes and possibly in plant material." She said Erythrina Gall wasp entered the CNMI accidentally.

She said Hawaii has released biocontrol agents to control the Erythrina Gall wasp, and the CNMI could potentially do the same.

But she said the gao gao tree is also a

host for the fruit piercing moth, which is a "serious pest of fruits in the CNMI."

This moth attacks banana, citrus, guava, mango, tomato and others.

"If we introduce biocontrol to save the tree, we would also be saving this serious pest. Another solution could be to use chemical control, which would control both the Erythrina Gall wasp and the fruit piercing moth. This can be used only on selected trees because of the expense involved. Chemicals are expensive and if injection or application would have to be done to every single tree, the cost might be prohibitive," Quintanilla told Torres.

Torres said he had to cut down 13 coral trees on his property on Capital Hill before they fall on his head.

"I believe this situation needs your immediate attention, and please advise me of your current opinion and findings in this matter as soon as possible," he said. Quintanilla responded to his April 19 letter, and agreed to inspect the trees on Torres' property.

AXED

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But government employees heaved a sigh of relief on Friday after receiving their paychecks, despite earlier warnings from the administration that there may be payless paydays as early as April 23 if the austerity bill is not passed.

House Bill 17-45, HD6, SS1 is now back in the House of Representatives after the Senate removed the 10-hour work cuts every pay period—the centerpiece of the original measure.

"Yes we had the payroll on Friday. Our job is to make sure that there's payroll," Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos told *Saipan Tribune* on Saturday at the grand opening of Bridge Capital LLC's worldwide headquarters in Garapan.

Inos said the administration expects "fresh cash" to come in this week with the April 30 deadline for gross receipt tax payments.

"We now keep tab on collections every single day," he said, adding that the administration will soon be paying not only the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. for utility billings, but also \$3 million in bond payments.

Inos, a former Finance secretary, said while the revised projected revenue for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2010 is \$137 million, government spending is expected to reach \$170 million.

Press secretary Angel Demapan said yesterday that department secretaries and agency heads under the Executive Branch will also receive a 12.5-percent cut in their salaries as early as mid-May.

They include the secretaries of the departments of Public Health, Public Safety, Lands and Natural Resources, Public Lands, Community and Cultural Affairs, among others.

Some 400 contract or excepted service employees received notices of

work hour cuts as early as March 12, and will take effect 30 days later.

Inos also said that limited-term employees, as well as provisional employees, will be terminated as early as June 1.

"We're still putting the numbers together," he said, when asked about the number of employees affected by the reduction-in-force.

Demapan said the Fitial administration has been talking with departments and agencies to evaluate their functions as part of the process of identifying critical services.

"We are also making sure that all governing regulations are complied with as we move along the process of instituting reduction-in-force procedures," he said.

DPW 2011 budget hearing

In other news, Public Works Secretary Martin Sablan and other DPW officials testified on Friday morning before members of the House Ways and Means Committee chaired by Rep. Ramon "Ray" Basa (Cov-Saipan) on the department's FY 2011 budget.

Sablan said DPW requested for \$3.4 million for FY 2011 for 129 full-time employees. The Fitial administration's 2011 budget submission for DPW is some \$2.96 million.

Sablan said the department will try to live within its means, although it would be very tough.

He asked lawmakers for help in establishing a revolving fund for the maintenance of DPW's heavy equipment.

Sablan also said that DPW still needs engineers and architects.

Budget hearings for four other agencies will continue this week. These include the Department of Lands and Natural Resources on Tuesday; the Judiciary on Wednesday; Northern Marianas College on Thursday; and the Marianas Visitors Authority on Friday.

WASP

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mologist in the Northern Marianas College's Cooperative Research Extension and Education Services, says that controlling these insects by chemical can be costly.

"We have noticed the decline of gao gao trees, and we agree that this is a very unfortunate event," Quintanilla told Rep. Stanley Torres (Ind-Saipan), who had raised concerns about a number of coral trees dying on Saipan.

Torres thought the death of coral or gao gao trees may have been caused by the scarlet gourd weevil and the scarlet gourd vine borer, both biological controls imported for controlling the pest vine scarlet gourd.

Saipan has been having problems with the invasive vine scarlet gourd. Since 2003, the government has used parasitic insects to feed on and destroy scarlet gourds.

School year to open in Sept.

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The Board of Education has approved the Public School System's 2010-2011 calendar, which sets the opening of classes on Sept. 7, a week later from the initial proposal of Aug. 30.

The decision was made after determining that an August opening will affect the teachers' contracts and such "overlap" will result in PSS having to pay some teachers twice. It was earlier disclosed that PSS would spend an additional \$130,000 on personnel costs if classes begin in August.



Blanco-Maratita

Maratita said during deliberations that the new schedule also takes into consideration possible typhoons and make-up days within the year.

Board member Herman T. Guerrero, chairman of the board's fiscal and personnel affairs committee, said the new class schedule will start on Sept. 7 and end on June 16.

Based on the approved calendar, students will have 180 instructional days, with 45 days in each quarter: Sept. 7 to Nov. 12 (first quarter); Nov. 15 to Jan. 28 (second quarter); Jan. 31 to April 16 (third quarter); and April 7 to June 16 (fourth quarter).

PSS and the board also approved 10 days of administrative and professional development sessions. These are set on Sept. 1-3, Oct. 11, March 23 and 25, April 18-20, and June 17.

Nine days were designated student holidays: Nov. 26, December 24-31, and April 21-22.

Make-up days, meantime, must be conducted at the end of school days, scheduled on June 20 to 23.

Schools will also be closed for 11 days to observe state and local holidays.

Similar to this school year, promotion ceremonies in elementary schools will be conducted simultaneously on one date while commencement exercises in the secondary level will start on June 9 through June 16, the end of SY 2010-2011.

PSS: Central govt owes us \$5.5M

» **Incomplete quarterly allotments cover FY06, '09**

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The central government owes the Public School System \$5.5 million to date, representing portions of the budget that are supposed to be remitted to PSS every quarter.

This debt, disclosed in a short discussion during Thursday's regular meeting of the Board of Education, covers fiscal years 2006 and 2009, based on the records of the system.

Saipan Tribune learned that the central government incurred these outstanding arrears when it failed to remit and transfer all quarterly budget allotments due PSS in these two fiscal years.

Records showed that the central government was not able to transfer to public schools some \$2.05 million in FY 2006. PSS was also not able to collect a total of \$3.4 million in FY 2009.

Saipan Tribune learned that PSS representatives, the Finance Department chief, and administration officials recently met to settle this overdue receivable. All parties reportedly acknowledged PSS' records and are willing to address the issue.

PSS officials said a memorandum of agreement is being drafted to seal the "reconciliation" of records and identify ways on how to settle the obligation.

PSS was allocated \$37.2 million in FY 2006, of which only \$35 million was actually transferred to PSS accounts, based on its record and audit of the fiscal year.

In FY 2009, quarterly allotments due the system were also found incomplete as a result of the Finance Department's cash flow problem.

It was confirmed that a memorandum of understanding on

this overdue obligation is being worked out and is expected to come out soon. PSS officials said that once its memorandum of understanding is finalized and signed by all parties, all debt it owes CUC will be deemed settled.

Saipan Tribune learned that part of the discussion is possibly "off-setting" the \$2.7 million from the \$5.5 million that PSS owes the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.

PSS has been delayed in its payment to CUC because of its financial situation. Of its over \$37 million budget in 2007, only over \$2 million was appropriated for utility consumption.

The central government used to pay for public schools' utility consumption but this practice was stopped in 2007. Schools now shoulder this obligation.

CUC had said that PSS has

accumulated a \$3.2 million debt as of January 2010, including balances from fiscal years 2008 and 2009. PSS claims, though, that it only owes CUC \$2.7 million after it paid the utility agency some \$600,000 on April 15 this year.

CUC officials had said last week that big customers who are delinquent in their payments—including PSS and the central government—face a "real possibility" of disconnection if payments are not made to the agency.

Saipan Tribune tried to obtain comments from PSS officials but they refused to discuss the \$5.5 million issue pending the signing of the MOU.

Press secretary Angel Demapan also failed to provide a statement on Friday, citing the need to get more information on the issue.

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Another prosecutor resigns

By **FERDIE DE LA TORRE**
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REPORTER

Another lawyer is resigning from the Office of the Attorney General, leaving the Criminal Division with only three prosecutors.

Assistant attorney general Jennifer Dockter submitted her resignation letter on Friday. She confirmed with the *Saipan Tribune* that she already gave her 30-day notice of resignation to Attorney General Edward T. Buckingham.



Dockter

Dockter's last day of work is May 21.

She will move to the CNMI Supreme Court as clerk of court in the Judiciary Council.

"It's a heavy heart decision, so to speak. I'm upset about having to leave the OAG," she said.

Among the reasons she cited for leaving the OAG is the uncertainty that exists in the office.

"There's not enough attorneys to fulfill our obligations professionally," she said.

Dockter also cited the lack of support for the Criminal Division, with the Executive Branch contemplating pay cuts.

Since she started working for the OAG in January 2010, four attorneys at the OAG's Criminal Division had already left: George Hasselback, Katie Busenkell, Mike Evangelista, and Joseph Przyuski.

"We needed Joe [Przyuski] there and he got shipped out. And nobody new has been hired yet," Dockter said.

Przyuski is now back at the Office of the Criminal Division.

"I really love the work. It's

absolutely what I want to be doing. I'm going to miss the people I worked with," she said.

Evangelista's last day at the OAG's Criminal Division will be on May 10, 2010. This means that, by May 21, unless a new prosecutor comes on board,

the Criminal Division will only have chief prosecutor Rosemond Santos, and assistant attorneys general Brian Gallagher and William Downer.

The OAG's Criminal Division used to have nine prosecutors. It is currently understaffed

as many prosecutors have left beginning January 2010.

Buckingham had said a new prosecutor is joining the division within the next several weeks. It is his goal to have at least six prosecutors, in addition to the chief prosecutor.

Fire breaks out at former King Photo



FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Two firefighters assist female firefighter Jocelyn Alvarez in extinguishing the blaze at the former King Photo in Chalan Kanoa on Friday. No one was reported injured in the fire.

A fire of unknown cause broke out Friday noon at an abandoned building previously occupied by a photo laboratory in front of Mt. Carmel Church in Chalan Kanoa.

No one was reported hurt in the blaze that hit the semi-concrete building previously rented by King Photo.

Witnesses said they saw thick smoke coming from the

building at noon; firefighters and police officers arrived soon after.

By 12:20pm, *Saipan Tribune* saw that the fire was already under control.

The interior of the building sustained extensive fire and water damage.

Firefighters were able prevent the blaze from transferring to the right side of the building, which

used to be a residence and office for DP&E Developing.

A few trees and tall grasses near the abandoned building were scorched.

King Photo was owned by a Korean family. The photo lab used to take class pictures at public schools on Saipan. It was not clear when the owner shut down the business. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

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NMI asserts control over alien workers in proposed regulations

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The CNMI government asserts control over alien workers and their employers, including imposing requirements among, and protections for, transitional workers, and revocation of umbrella permits, under proposed rules amending the CNMI Employment Rules and Regulations.

They also require employers to pay for their alien workers' medical expenses up to 96 days after contract termination to allow for the completion of transfers, cases, and appeals.

Under the proposed rules, complainants holding unpaid awards under orders issued by the Administrative Hearing Office of the Department of Labor may proceed with collection actions in the CNMI courts without first exhausting collection remedies at Labor.

"The department may elect, but is not required, to pursue collection actions either against bonding companies or employers. In general, the department will not pursue collection actions in individual cases because of resource constraints," the proposed rules state.

These proposed changes also require registration of aliens, changing the 20 percent local hiring requirement to a floating benchmark, establishment of fees, and compliance with Public Law 17-1, among other things.

Reorganization

Two new key positions will also be created—a manager for federal relations and a manager for employer relations—as part of the proposed Labor Department reorganization.

Labor will be reorganized with a secretary, deputy secretary and managers of seven

sections, along with two other coordinators or managers.

The seven include the Citizen Job Availability Section, the Citizen Job Placement Section, the Guest Worker Section, the Enforcement Section, the Administrative Hearing Office, the Data Services Section, and the Administration Section.

In addition, Labor will have two coordinators: the Federal Relations manager and the Employer Relations manager.

The Federal Relations manager will act as liaison between CNMI Labor and all federal government agencies. He or she will provide a central point of contact with federal officials and agencies, and will search out grants for the department to augment its budget and coordinate the preparation and presentation of grant applications.

The manager of Employer Relations will be Labor's liai-

son with all employers in their employment activities.

Transitional workers

The local government said it wants to continue providing protections to so-called transitional workers holding permits granted by the federal government "because their employment in the Commonwealth is statutorily defined as temporary and subject to being reduced to zero and for that reason they are vulnerable."

It said many transitional workers originally entered the CNMI on permits issued by the CNMI and have for many years relied on protections under Commonwealth law, and the social prob-

lems caused by failed employment arrangements with aliens fall almost exclusively on the Commonwealth's taxpayers.

"These protections do not burden the federal system in any way. They simply protect the Commonwealth with respect to economic and social burdens that would occur in the Commonwealth's unique circumstances if these protections were not available," the proposed regulations said.

Among Labor's proposed requirements: employers should provide a notice using standard form with respect to working conditions and requirements for every transitional worker entering the CNMI; and attendance in the first orientation session for every transitional worker

entering the CNMI.

The federal government took control of CNMI immigration on Nov. 28, 2009.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security has yet to issue final regulations governing foreign workers, foreign investors and foreign students in the CNMI.

The CNMI government and some federal agencies have been at odds over alien control in the CNMI.

The public has 30 days from April 19 to comment on the proposed regulations, published in the latest Commonwealth Register.

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Rota gears up for Chamorro language conference

The First Kumfirensian Lingguahin Chamorro is set to go.

Participants from various Chamorro organizations in Guam, Saipan, and Tinian, including teachers and students, will be making their way to the beautiful island of Luta beginning today, April 26, 2010, in time for the 1st Kumfirensian Lingguahin Chamorro scheduled to be held on April 28 to 30 at the Round House in Songsong Village Rota, right next to the Chamorro Village.

According to conference chairman, Glenn H. Manglona, "Dr. Sandy Chung from the

University of California at Santa Cruz and principal investigator for the Chamorro-English Dictionary Revision Project, is already on Saipan and she will be flying to Rota on Tuesday, April 27 in time for the opening ceremony."

The Kumfirensian Lingguahin Chamorro is a special component of the Revision project funded in part by the National Science Foundation, CNMI Humanities Council and the Saipan Legislative Delegation and supported by government agencies, several organizations, businesses, individuals and community volunteers from Saipan,

Tinian and Rota as well as the Chamorro Carolinian Language Commission."

Keynote speakers are Dr. Sandy Cheung from the University of Santa Cruz; Carmen S. Taimanao, Chamorro language and culture expert; Joseph S. Inos, former mayor of Rota and a recognized speaker of the language; and John Del Rosario, former DPL secretary, Chamorro writers and columnist.

Other guest speakers will include Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, Rota Mayor Melchor A. Mendiola; Ignacio Demapan, resident executive director for

Indigenous Affairs; Diego M. Songao, chairman of the Rota Gaming Commission; Prudencio T. Manglona, former mayor of Rota; Herbert Del Rosario, NMC Archives director; Education Commissioner Rita Sablan; William Macaranas from the Chamorro-Carolinian Language Commission; and Peter Onedero, University of Guam Chamorro Language professor, to name a few.

Students from the CNMI and Guam will also be presenting their views and work in Chamorro each day of the three-day conference.

For more information, contact Manny Borja at 322-0278; Tita Hocog at 532-8333; Thomas D. Mendiola, Rota Mayor's Office at 532-9451/2; Department of Community and Cultural Affairs, Rota, Julita A. Calvo, or e-mail at gmanglona@gmail.com. (PR)

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

April 26, 1999

SGMA warns employees of illegal businesses

The Saipan Garment Manufacturers Association issued a warning to all its members to be careful where they allow their employees to purchase fruits, vegetables and other items that may be sold by persons not allowed to legally conduct business in the CNMI. In response to reports that some farmers and merchants, those usually seen selling items from the back of pickup trucks near factories' dormitories, may not only be conducting business without the necessary business and health permits, but also may be selling alcohol and tobacco, SGMA issued a strong warning to companies that may be turning their heads to this activity.

JAL efforts net CPA improved revenues

Due to efforts of Japan Airlines and Asiana Airlines to bring in more visitors to the Northern Marianas, the Commonwealth Ports Authority's operating revenues in the aviation division increased by five percent in March 1999 amounting to \$893,206 compared to the same period of last year. Despite the gloomy outlook in the aviation industry due to Asia's financial crisis, Japan Airlines aggressively carried out its own promotion of the Northern Marianas which resulted in an increase in Japanese arrivals through five extra flights while Asiana brought additional visitors by adding seven more flights. Tourism officials, however, have expressed concern on the effect of Continental Micronesia's decision terminating the Osaka-Saipan direct service due to weak market demand. This leaves only two direct flights of Continental—Nagoya-Saipan and Hong Kong-Saipan. Passengers from other destinations would have no other choice but to wait for a connecting flight from Guam to reach Saipan.

April 26, 2000

'Investment, infrastructure must be compatible'

Senate President Paul A. Manglona yesterday vowed to push legislation favorable to the business sector as he outlined current measures being undertaken by lawmakers before a group of businessmen and private sector representatives. Speaking at the Rotary Club function at the Hyatt Regency, Mr. Manglona said the Legislature will continue to seek ways to attract new investors and ensure economic growth in the Northern Marianas. "We have to create the right business environment to get what we want and invest whatever is necessary to make our infrastructure compatible with the industries we hope to attract and maintain," he told the forum.

Kumoi criticizes colleagues

Sen. Ramon S. Guerrero yesterday lashed out at the way the Senate is conducting its legislative business as he decided to move his office from the Legislature in Capitol Hills to a private building in Gualo Rai where he can best serve his constituents. He wrote a memorandum to Senate President Paul A. Manglona informing him of his decision to relocate, but at the same time expressed his frustration over the lack of work in the upper house. Since his swearing-in last January, the Saipan senator claimed there has been practically no committee meeting nor "leadership guidance" by majority members in the Senate.

April 26, 2001

Mortgage Credit Program to benefit low-income families

The seven-member House Committee on Commerce and Tourism have signified their support to a proposed initiative that is seen to boost low or moderate income families' capacity to own their dream homes. In a standing committee report submitted to House Speaker Benigno R. Fitial, committee members recommended for the legislation's approval. The proposed act which seeks to establish in the CNMI a Mortgage Credit Certificate Program for qualified applicants and first-time home-buyers was a concept derived from the US Congress' 1984 Tax Reform Act.

CPA pins hope on Mandarin's return

The Commonwealth Ports Authority expressed hopes Mandarin Airlines will resume its Saipan-Taipei air transport services after the scheduled three-month suspension. Executive director Carlos H. Salas said CPA is confident Mandarin Air will stand firm on its pledge to resume the aborted Saipan-Taipei flights after it completed aircraft maintenance procedures. Mr. Salas made this statement despite the absence of any official confirmation from the Taipei-based airline company regarding previous plans to resume CNMI operations by June, when the three-month flight suspension expires.




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Arizona's answer

The harshest anti-immigrant measure in the nation is now law in Arizona. This should come as no surprise. Nowhere in America are the failures of our broken immigration system more stark.

Arizona has become the main point of entry for illegal workers and drugs since the federal government fortified the border at San Diego in the mid-1990s. The frustration that fueled California's ugly and unconstitutional Proposition 187—an attempt to deny social services, health care and education to illegal immigrants—has taken hold in Arizona, where Latinos now make up only about 15 percent of registered voters but account for almost half of all births and half of the K-12 population. The state is now a hub for those who traffic in drugs, weapons and humans.

It's hard to fault state lawmakers for trying to solve those problems while leaders in Washington avoid them. Under the Arizona law, federal immigration violations are now state crimes as well, often with higher penalties. Local and state police who have a "reasonable suspicion" that someone is in the country illegally would be required—not authorized, required—to determine that person's immigration status and arrest those without documents. Even legal immigrants would be subject to arrest if they aren't carrying their papers. And drivers who give undocumented immigrants a ride could have their cars impounded.

The law declares "attrition through enforcement" the official state policy. The idea is to make immigrants so uncomfortable that they'll leave.

It's wrongheaded on many levels. The measure would promote racial profiling, since "reasonable suspicion" can't help but begin with skin color. Civil liberties groups have promised a legal fight, which would be long and expensive. The biggest problem with the measure, though, is that it isn't a real solution.

The 11 million immigrants living in this country illegally came for the jobs. They were encouraged and abetted by businesses who needed far more workers than the immigration system could provide legally. The government failed to make adjustments to meet those needs, so employers and workers found ways to game the system. Illegal immigration flourished largely because legal immigration was out of reach.

Illegal border crossings into Arizona were down almost 20 percent last year, thanks more to the recession than to beefed-up security. When the economy perks up, the flow of immigrants will resume.

This country needs to be ready with laws that ensure a steady flow of legal workers to match the needs of American businesses—not with punitive, piecemeal measures that will drive them underground. It needs a comprehensive, nationwide solution that protects our national security, adjusts to the needs of our economy and deals fairly with workers, including those who are already here. That's a job for Congress, not for individual states.

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Parents! When are we going to let our children grow up?

Parents, we must let our children take over the future. We must step back and encourage them to rebuild our economy. This is their future. We must let them move on. For several years I have been imploring us to encourage them to get an education whether it be in an academic or a trade field.

If you notice almost all inventions, new ideas and political changes come from youth. They have little fear of the future. On the other hand, retrogressive ideas and longing for past years almost always come from us who are older. We are afraid of the future. And mainly it is because our past has not been too happy.

We must encourage our youth to become skilled and trained in some form of work. They cannot simply keep applying for a government job and wait for the pension to kick in as so many of us have done. "After all, why not? The government will take care of me, right?" Wrong! Those sponge-off the government and welfare days are fast coming to a close. Don't push our children in that direction.

We parents must let our children grow up. When are we going to realize that life is very different from when you and I were growing up? This is one of the worst things that is happening to us in our community today. It must change. We must stop babying our children. Allow them to grow up into productive and competitive men and women. Also if we want to rebuild our economy and become a part of it, all of us must become trained and skilled workers.

I have noticed that we parents keep coddling our children way into their late twenties, rarely encouraging them to make something of themselves. We feed, clothe, and shelter them way past the need to. We feel that this is our way of showing love. We just don't want to cut the umbilical cord. We refuse to realize that we are causing major psychological damage to our sons and daughters.

Parents, stop this! We are hurting our children. Remember our children are on loan to us from God. They do not belong to us. Our greatest responsibility is to encourage them to launch their own career and path through life. There comes a time when he/she must work to earn a living.

After speaking to many young people, they tell me they want to improve their lives but are afraid that their parents will not approve. For example, when they vote, they do exactly what their parents insist.

I hasten to add here that I am not suggesting that the son or daughter become disrespectful of us the parents. I am suggesting that we open our minds and hearts and listen to what our child

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

Pellegrino is a longtime businessman in the CNMI and is the former president of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce.



wishes to do.

Parents, I implore you to visit the Northern Marianas Trades Institute and see what it has to offer our children. You may find something for you to learn also. Currently the institute has about 200 students seriously pursuing various trades and professions.

Currently the institute is offering the following trades courses: carpentry, electrical, plumbing, painting, masonry, and auto repair. In addition the following professional courses are also offered: cooking, sewing, and hospitality. Next month in May, a beauty culture course will be added. As an added note, the institute has found and is daily finding jobs for these young students.

For the students who did not earn their high school diplomas, a GED course is being offered to all those students. This means that when the student finally graduates, he/she will have earned a high school diploma along with the trades or professional certificate of achievement.

Next month on May 12, the institute will be holding a promotion evening in which students who have completed a portion of their studies are recognized for their studies before they advance to the next level. The institute invites everybody to come and participate.

At that time you can meet the students. Ask them what they are learning and ask if they are glad they are studying a trade. Also you will be able to see the work they are doing. In fact you will see three brand new classrooms completely built by the students in carpentry, painting and electrical classes. Look for the announcement in the newspaper.

Should your child not want to learn a trade, encourage him or her to attend Northern Marianas College or Guam University. There they can learn a profession such as nursing, accounting, business or any one of a dozen others. Whatever he/she studies at NMC or Guam University will give him/her a great boost when they apply for a job.

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The social process

We keep harping about paying attention to our humanness that a close friend finally asked what we mean when we use such wide-ranging comprehensive, broad, all-encompassing (the redundancy is intentional) adjective as “humanness.” Fair enough.

Earlier, I wrote of a contentless screen that colleagues of the global network of the Institute of Cultural Affairs developed in the early 70s to guide a series of human development projects, at least, one in every populated time zone across the globe. I was part of the one in the island of Mactan in the Philippines in the mid-70s where the now famed Mactan stone was developed in Sudtonggan, Lapu-Lapu City.

Mactan stone is a slab of dead coral-limestone that residents pried out of the ground to make corn grinders as well as footing for house posts to deter the wood from rotting too quickly in the puddle that accumulates after the rain. It was chipped from outcroppings, the only existing natural resource villagers identified. Imagine a flat Marpi at two feet above sea level *sans* vegetation but made out of cracked coral limestone, and one has a picture of the place. Façade of '80-ish buildings in Saipan made of limestone would have come from, or, at least, were influenced by the Sudtonggan project experiment.

The social process screen helped analyze village life and enabled people to plan their future from the perspective of indicatives and possibilities rather than personal biases of limitations and differences in class and status and their corresponding animosities.

There are three dynamics within the process that is true of any social unit. The primordial one is the supporting, sustaining, and maintaining pole, the *economic*. It deals with the natural, human and technological resource, the production of goods and products, and the distribution system to consumers.

The Mactan stone resource created a craft industry that not only made tiles, rough and polished, but also jewelry boxes and tabletops for Pierl-like furniture. To aid labor, a procured electric generator sliced the stone and accelerated production. The industry then bought a vehicle to transport the tiles to the market. Commercial activities emerged such as food and beverage provisions for the workers, and services like a beauty salon and a barbershop that catered

to the villagers' new disposable income. A business cycle and its concomitant knowledge base and requirements emerged.

In all of these, such as access to the natural resource, as well as collection and allocation of fees for community services, decisions had to be made. The second dynamic deals with making decisions, the *political*. Access to natural resources was determined, a question not unlike the current issue on the alienation of land in Article XII of the CNMI Constitution. Human forces were organized and social structures ordered to maximize benefits to workers and entrepreneurs alike. Issues of social order, communal justice, and comprehensive welfare to benefit what the local cleric called “the earth and all that dwells in it” took in a practical meaning and implication.

A village association was organized. Guilds followed. Staying healthy became a worker's prerogative; hygienic surroundings became a focus. Workers' assemblies determined dues and fees to fund the health clinic, pre-school and the new village association. Women targeted nutrition and home garden issues, as well as personal advancement in knowledge and skills like literacy and book-keeping. Defining roles to be played in public was always a feat since the entrenched “aristocracy” was used to having the limelight as their genetic prerogative. The value of newfound road-based decision making directed consensus methods.

The dynamic that determines meaning and significance of living in the village where corporate decisions are made to support communal living of individuals and their families is the *cultural*. It deals with the retention of learnings from previous experiences, the transmission of wisdom in the thought modes of the present, and the anticipation of the future. Roles played engaged children, adults and elders, males and females, parents and guardians (service providers). Created were songs, symbols and stories that freighted the village's self-understanding of what it means to be an individual in community, and be a community of vibrant and engaged individuals.

The songs and dances inherited from previous generations were appropriated and new ones created. Signs and symbols portraying the hopes and dreams of the village took form. Rare was the young village person who reached high school graduation before. Scholarship grants were made accessible to support qualified students to

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the neighboring public high school. One of the students, in a self-directed work-study program, passed the country's Bar exam 20 years later. Realistic living, genuine pride, and authentic living took on a new meaning to a village lifestyle dictated by encrusted traditions of long forgotten relevance. Not creating utopia, just an experiment in manifesting humanness.

Building community where everyone can belong, economically, politically, and culturally, was what the social process screen was about. It also proved to be helpful in the corporate world; now taught in the Business School at the University of Maryland, used in Ivy League classrooms, and used by many members of the International Association of Facilitators. In the lopsided emphasis on the economic in the globalization process, facilitators not only promote the technology of participation (@ToP) but also push the qualitative depth of the role of the facilitator to levels similar to what “saints and sages” of other professions did in their time.

Now, would it not be engaging if ex-Guv Juan Babauta, ex-Floor Leader Joe Camacho, ex-Lt. Guv Jesse Borja, and current Congressman Kilili Sablan—all candidates for the congressional office (and others who might toss their fedoras into the ring), took the social process as a common screen, started viewing our CNMI existence dynamically, begin informing us on what they see as our condition, and let us see their vision on where we need to head? They might even ask us to do the same, and bother to learn what we think! Would not that take our minds from tracking the smell of each others' armpits and start focusing on the creation of our common humanity, economically, politically, and culturally?

Article XII: Church and state

This letter only applies if the shoe fits so don't get upset if it is not about you. The separation of church and state is a recognized relationship in which neither side crosses into the other's arena. You will never hear the bishop publicly complaining about the government and you won't hear the governor or government officials complaining about the church. The church and state must co-exist in the same society and the relationship has worked well with a clearly defined demarcation line that has been respected. However, I attended Mass this past Sunday and the message was about “sharing and spreading the word of God.” I couldn't help but think about the people in church who might be against sharing the land with their fellow American citizens. All the time I was listening to the priest tell us how we should help the poor, feed the sick, how we should love our neighbor and our enemy, how we should do unto others as we would have them do unto you and how we should spread God's word, I couldn't help but wonder who will take this message with them to the voting booth in 2011. But the amazing thing was the moment I finished that thought the priest put reality in perspective for everyone to see when he said, “Many of you will leave the church and forget about the sermon today.” He even asked, “Are you only going to do these things only on Sunday at church or will you apply them daily?” I truly believe it was an act of divine intervention as it was clear to me that I was meant to hear this so I could spread God's word as it relates to Article XII.

How can a person who subscribes to the Holy Scriptures and

the philosophy of love not want to share God's land with others in need, especially professionals like teachers who have been asked (recruited) to come to the CNMI? This phenomenon has extremely hampered the progress of the education system. We are even taught to “give until it hurts” so how can a person be so holy on Sunday and end up going to work on Monday for the devil promoting discrimination? It is very obvious to me that Article XII has revealed something even more sinister and disastrous than just violating the rights of equality and free enterprise. Article XII is literally helping some people down the path to hell! If you don't want to live up to the beliefs being taught in church you may as well stay at home because you are wasting your time trying to fool God. Article XII is much bigger than any of us and more important than politics and land—it's a test of your morality, your spiritual beliefs and your compassion for fellow human beings in the same political family. We get these very real character tests all the time and often every day and Article XII is real spiritual character test.

People publicly attack me for simply trying to educate from the perspective of academics and principles. Their attacks have made it very clear to me and many readers that Article XII has caused some indigenous people to forget their spiritual education, which is why I'm bringing it to their attention. We are even taught to apply our spiritual and academic knowledge in a symbiotic relationship to reach a level we call intellectual. Genuine intellectuals don't cater

to violations of equal rights, violations of proven economic theories nor do they promote anti-social behavior like discrimination and the closed market system created by Article XII. Article XII not only violates the principles of our great nation, Article XII violates the very teachings of Jesus. So how to fix Article XII? Simply apply the principles of equality and free enterprise and the moral lessons we get from Scriptures and the results will be the best solution.

Church and state must remain separate even though they both work for the betterment of our society. But we are taught that if we take what we learn in church and apply it to real life, the world and our lives will be better. I challenge the people who are against sharing the land to live up to what they have pledged to do for God—to share and care. We must understand that following God's instructions and doing the right thing is not always easy but we must because wrong will never equal right. So the next time you are in Mass and you pray for the CNMI and our government officials, think about your obligation to your fellow sisters and brothers in Christ (locals and non-locals) who are praying Article XII will be changed or fixed. I can guarantee that if the people will do the right thing with Article XII, our economy, our education system and our quality of life will be much better, just like priests tell us every Sunday if we do the right things; God is in this too!

Ambrose M. Bennett

Kagman, Saipan

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If your son or daughter is attending college in the mainland, encourage him or her to return and get a job here. But don't insist that they apply to the government for a job. True, they may not get the salary they hope to, but once they enter a company at a certain wage it does not mean that it will stay at that level. By showing hard work the wage will go up.

In my studies of history, it has been shown over and over that a nation's strength and greatness always comes from its citizens who are willing to work to make their country great. It is the same with us in the CNMI. I cannot repeat this message too many times.

After living here for 26 years, I fully realize the potentials we have to offer the world. We are strategically located near the world's major markets. We have so much natural beauty and ocean resource-

es that are not yet polluted. Yes, we are blessed but don't know how to utilize our resources.

We lack the desire to become owners of our own businesses. We have been deluded (or “drugged”) into thinking that the government should take care of us. However our children have not fallen into this trap. Prevent this from happening.

Currently I am in China on a personal matter. In speaking to Chinese people here, I asked them what is the cause for China's rapid growth today. Their reply was that I should look at China when it was a communal society in the early '80s. People did not want to work because everything was controlled and owned by the government. But since that grip was broken, its people have become some of the most industrious in the world. So we now see the fruits of these industrious people. The world is seeing its growth daily.

What has caused this miraculous transformation? The same people who were coddled by the government and did as the government ordered all of a sudden felt a great pressure released. I was told that

the people in the '80s walked as though in a trance, having no desire to work nor create anything. Now today you can feel a vibrancy in the air. I see thousands of people working. Many are selling in small shops or on the roadside. All are excited as they interact with each other as they deal their wares. Thus the nation is growing.

Parents, this is similar to what must happen in the CNMI. We must become animated about wanting to work. We must want to take control of our lives. We must stop our dependency on the government. It is not our food basket.






Once we change our attitude our eyes will open up to all that we have to offer the world. I keep screaming and will continue to do so that *we have acres of diamonds under our feet*. When are going to learn to harvest them? If we will not do it, then let our youth harvest them with their new ideas, energy and belief in the future.

Please, encourage—even push—your child to learn a trade or profession. Our future depends on it. Let our children grow up and become the builders of a great CNMI!

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°

Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Mostly Sunny	▲85 ▼78
Palau	Partly Sunny	▲85 ▼77
Yap	Rain	▲86 ▼78
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲82 ▼77
Pohnpei	Showers	▲83 ▼78
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲85 ▼80
Majuro	Partly Sunny	▲87 ▼78

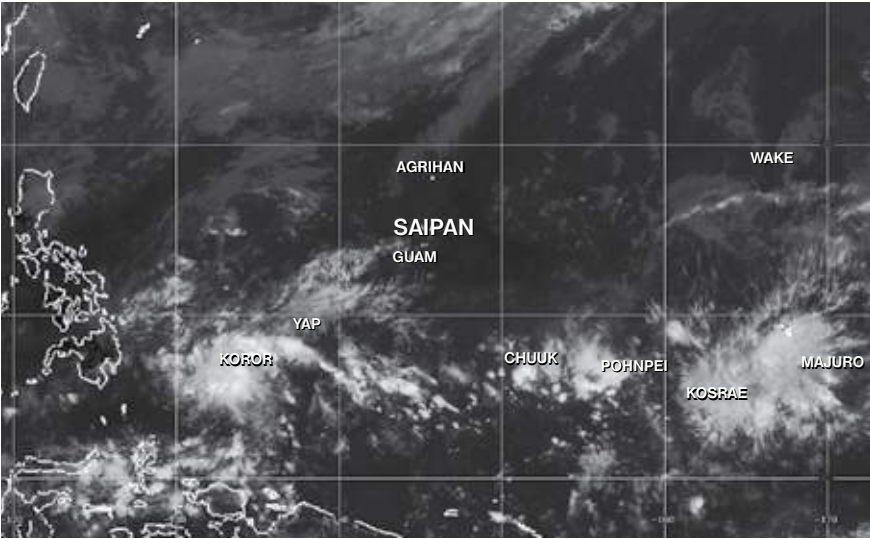
Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲66 ▼63
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲62 ▼42
Hong Kong	Showers	▲68 ▼59
Honolulu	Sunny	▲81 ▼71
London	Partly Cloudy	▲66 ▼49
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲72 ▼55
Manila	Thundershowers	▲93 ▼78
Melbourne	Showers	▲58 ▼53
Miami	Thundershowers	▲82 ▼71
New York	Showers	▲59 ▼50
Osaka	Showers	▲65 ▼54
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲71 ▼49
Pusan	Showers	▲60 ▼48
Rome	Sunny	▲72 ▼52
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲75 ▼49
San Francisco	Mostly Cloudy	▲63 ▼53
Seoul	Showers	▲56 ▼43
Tokyo	Showers	▲62 ▼56
Washington, DC	Showers	▲64 ▼55

Tides

Saipan Harbor			
5:34 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet
12:16 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet
6:26 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2010

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A cold front extends southwestward from 25N149E to 22N140E then continues as a shear line to beyond 130E at 20N. Cloudiness and scattered showers are found along and up to 350 miles northwest of this boundary. A weak surface circulation is centered southwest of Koror near 5N133E. Widespread showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring across Palau in the area bounded by 7N132E to 9N136E to 7N139E to 5N135E to 5N132E back to 7N132E south of the circulation center. Scattered showers are occurring between the equator and 2N from 130E to 136E. Trade-wind convergence is producing scattered showers southeast of Yap in the area bounded by 8N140E to 5N146E to 5N140E back to 8N140E and between Chuuk and Pohnpei between 5N and 8N from 152E to 158E. A surface trough east of Kosrae extends northward from 2N167E to 6N165E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring between 3N and 9N from 162E to 170E including Kosrae but just south of Kwajalein.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:57 AM	6:33 PM
Tuesday	5:56 AM	6:34 PM
Wednesday	5:56 AM	6:34 PM
Thursday	5:55 AM	6:34 PM
Friday	5:54 AM	6:34 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	4:23 PM	3:44 AM
Tuesday	5:21 PM	4:28 AM
Wednesday	6:20 PM	5:14 AM
Thursday	7:20 PM	6:02 AM
Friday	8:19 PM	6:53 AM

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SAIPAN-GUAM	GUAM-SAIPAN
C09317 4:25am 5:15am Daily	C09316 2:45am 3:35am Daily
C09313 8:30am 9:20am Daily	C09596 7:00am 7:50am Daily
C09601 12:10pm 1:00pm 1, 4, 5, 7	C09600 10:05am 10:55am Daily
C09603 3:05pm 3:55pm Daily	C09602 1:40pm 2:30pm 1, 4, 5, 7
C09605 6:35pm 7:25pm Daily	C09604 5:10pm 6:00pm Daily
C09599 9:35pm 10:25pm Daily	C09606 8:10pm 9:00pm Daily
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)	NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN
DL287 5:55am 8:35am Daily	DL290 10:00am 2:35pm Daily
DL297 3:35pm 6:15pm Daily	DL298 10:30am 3:05pm Daily
DL289 4:35pm 7:15pm Daily	DL288 8:40pm 1:15am+1 Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)	BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN
OZ608 3:20am 6:50am 1, 5	OZ607 9:00pm 2:20am+1 4, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)	SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN
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SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)	GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN
CZ3008 3:30am 6:40am 2, 6	CZ3007 7:30pm 2:40am+1 1, 5
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Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota			
FRE 100	7:00am	7:30am	Daily
Rota-Saipan			
FRE 100	7:50am	8:20am	Daily
Saipan-Rota			
FRE 200	9:00am	9:30am	Daily
Rota-Guam			
FRE 200	9:50am	10:15am	Daily
Guam-Rota			
FRE 300	4:00pm	4:30pm	Daily
Rota-Saipan			
FRE 300	4:50pm	5:25pm	Daily
Saipan-Rota			
FRE 400	6:00pm	6:30pm	Daily
Rota-Guam			
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Saipan-Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45am	6:55am	Daily
FRE 103	7:30am	7:40am	Daily
FRE 105	8:00am	8:10am	Daily
FRE 107	8:40am	8:50am	Daily
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Bailan Uchan Pot Taya Fondu

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

I probleman didog na maribahan fondu gi kahan iya Marianas tat offisiat ti nina' chichi gi halom offisiña. I manehante gi administrasion ansiosu umutot gaston operasion, kontodu maribahan oran chochu. Lau gi mismu tiempu sige ha' mannae' man-potput na kontrata (contracts) siha.

Fuetsau un' kuestion: Gi hilu este na chatdisposision fondun publiku, tai manu in' jstifika i taya' fondu?

I lehislatura dos aktu hafafana: Maribahan oran chochu yan nuebu na tax para maneska, chupa yan otru siha subridan tax. Fostisu na sentimentu ha u'usa piot sa' tai ditetminasion kumesatba i asuntu gi hilu faktu pot chafleg fondu gi kahan iya Marianas. Haye malagu ma-utot sueddofia piot sa' in'fafaisen i para u fan ma-utot ni binenu na kuestion kontra siha?

Todu atmos priniponen satbasion empleau yan publiku para u inapagaye chinatsaga. Na ti manmanhula' hamyu na para in' adelanta i linala publiku?

Lau gi uttimon haane, haye para unina' nahuñge pagamien-tun empleau 'nai taya nuebu na kontribusion humahalom para este na obligasion?

Kau siña todutres ramas gobietnu man-daña gi sakrifisiu ni ginagagau pagu? Todutres fan mamadese ya ni unu u fan gana gi este na rimulinon sume chat-saga na linala.

Metgut Na Sension Peskadot

'Nai sige ha preparague i peskadot para u liuf gi hiyoñg mat-tiñgan, ha lie'papa un' manadan halu'u sige man-liliku kulan guaha muna' fan impirau.

Gi mismu tiempu, ha tuñgu na ayu lugatña i man-paire siha na guihan tat kumu todutres klasen la-gua, tataga, matan hagun, lililug yan hañgun.

Unu ha' 'nai siña ha kone i man-manñge siha na guihan i para u liuf gi entalu halu'u pot para u fattu gi fondu 'nai man-gaige i katdume.

Solu ha batbaruye i piligru ni hafafana' 'nai siña ha kone i ha aliligau na guihan para u bendi 'sino usun familia.

I publiku ti una' anog malaet sentimentofia ensegidas. Lau 'nai i man-magasta masañgan una kosa ya otru machogue, siempre u esalau sa' memegaiña giya siha lokue man-pinalolopu' didog na chinatsaga. Na fan parehu todus ya infan satton gi hafa in' sasa-ñgan. Muñga na kada ratu un' sague hulu mutuñg damagasmu gi pachotmu. I publiku esta antau man-hasso!

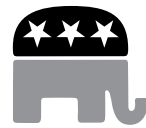
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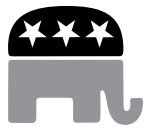
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ANNOUNCEMENT



The Republican Party of the NMI Association Announces its **General Membership Meeting**. All Republicans and individuals who wish to join the Republican Party are urged to attend this meeting.

What: **Membership Meeting**
When: **Wednesday, April 28, 2010**
Time: **6:00 pm**
Location: **Garapan Central Park**

AGENDA for General Membership Meeting

- Welcoming Remarks
- Official Endorsement of Juan N. Babauta as the GOP Candidate for U.S. Delegate
- Election of Vacant GOP Officers Positions
- Closing

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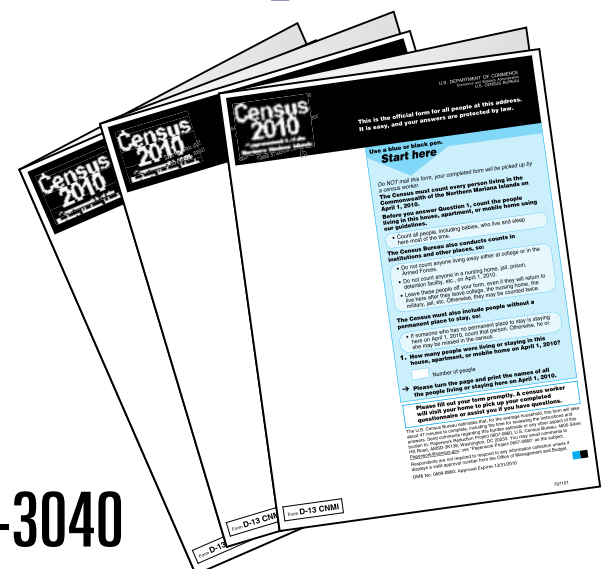


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29th Flame Tree Arts Festival



Deer horns by Perry Blas are among the items for sale at the Rota Delegation's booth during the 29th Flame Tree Arts Festival in Susupe from Friday to Sunday.

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A tourist checks the Bojobo wishing dolls in one of the arts and crafts booths.

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Carolinian artist Joe P. Kani poses in front of his acrylic and watercolor paintings.

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A man walks past art work and imagery of Leslie Ware.

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Alphonso Yangirelit, right, blows a shell trumpet, while Tony Urmeyang, left, looks on.

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D' Isla Dancers of Rota in their impressive cultural dance performances.

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Inetnon Gef Pago dancers of Guam in festive traditional Spanish dance number.

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The flaming red costumes of female Inetnon Gef Pago dancers of Guam pale in comparison to their spectacular dance performances.

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Male members of Guam's Inetnon Gef Pago Dance group show what they've got.

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The youngest members of the Ala la Polynesia Dance group wait for their turn to perform on stage.

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Business

Anna Wang Kao is named 2010 Businesswoman of the Year

TAMUNING, Guam—Anna Wang Kao, founder and president of Genghis Khan Furniture Co., was named the 2010 First Hawaiian *Guam Business* Businesswoman of the Year at the fifth annual Businesswoman Maga’haga Awards Gala April 24 at the Hyatt Regency Guam.

Kao was selected from nine nominees in this year’s annual award program, which recognizes businesswomen who have made significant contributions to their industries and have demonstrated a strong commitment to their community. She is featured in a commissioned photo study on the cover of *Guam Business* May-June issue, which was released at the gala concurrently with

the announcement of her name as the awardee.

Kao arrived in Guam from Taiwan in 1970 at 25 as a contract employee for a furniture concession—Taiwan Furniture—at Andersen Air Force Base Exchange. Today, she operates nine furniture stores—in Guam, San Diego and Honan province, China, her birthplace. The first Genghis Khan Furniture store—a modest 890-square foot operation—opened in 1972 at the James Lee Building on Marine Drive in Tamuning.

The current 42,000-square-foot Genghis Khan Furniture store and building at its present location on Illipog Drive opened in 1995. Kao subsequently opened Furniture Out-

let in 1996, a store for the more budget-conscious consumer; Asian Furnishings in AAFB exchange in 2000; the Antique Gallery in 2003; Asian Furnishings in the Navy Exchange on Naval Base Guam in 2008; a Genghis Khan Furniture store in San Diego; and three furniture stores in mainland China.

She is an active member and a past vice president of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Guam. She was instrumental, during her vice presidency, for getting the Chinese Chamber to sponsor and donate the bronze statue of the Goddess of Life at the A.B. Won Pat International Airport Guam. She was also involved in the Chi-

nese Chamber’s presentation of the Confucious Chinese Park in Tamuning to the community. She had previously served a two-term presidency of the Chinese School Foundation and helped to expand the school. She was also involved in the production of the marble statue of Santa Marian Kamalen for Merizo village in 1988—through her business contacts, she helped to source the marble in China and locate a sculptor to carve the statue.

Kao is a supporter of various nonprofit civic organizations such as the American Red Cross, Sanctuary Inc., Fo Guang Shan Buddhist Temple, Guma Mami, Girl Scouts of America and Guam International Wom-

en’s Club. She is a member of the Chinese Ladies Association of Guam and International Women’s Club of Guam.


Among the honors she has received, Kao was a 2006 Businesswoman of the Year nominee and the government of Guam’s 2000 Bureau of Women’s Affairs Outstanding Woman of the Year nominee. She has a bachelor’s in accounting and statistics from Min Chuan College in Taipei. She and her husband, Robert, have two children, Michael and Heidi, both of whom reside in California.

The other eight 2010 Businesswoman of the Year nominees were: Marcia “Ruri” Erra Ayuyu, general manager, JCA Inc. doing business as McDonald’s of Saipan; Marie E. Mesa, executive vice president of people, GTA TeleGuam; Mary A.Y. Okada, president and CEO, Guam Community College; Ana Liza C.W. Reed, owner, LA Painting and Con-


struction Co.; Tes C. Reyes, assistant general manager and marketing director, Agana Shopping Center; AnnMarie “Rhea” C. Rios, assistant general manager, Market Wholesale Distributors Inc.; Rowena T. Subijano, president/insurance broker, MCMV Insurance Services and realtor, Century 21 Realty Management; and Mary L.G. Paulino Torre, president, Guam Hotel and Restaurant Association and president, MARQ Consulting Services.

Proceeds from the gala will fund scholarships at the University of Guam, Guam Community College and Northern Marianas College. Since the 2006 inception of the Businesswoman of the Year award program, First Hawaiian Bank and *Guam Business* have presented 24 scholarships totaling \$66,200 to students from the three tertiary institutions.

This year’s event drew 360 people. **(PR)**



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INVITATION FOR BID

NMHC IFB2010-R-001

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Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, hereby give notice that NMHC is soliciting sealed bids for the **Construction of the Saipan Leadership Memorial Kios Ku Project, Phase I**, in Chalan Kanoa Village District No. 2 in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project package consisting of Scope of Work, Technical Specifications, Plans and Bid Documents will be available on or after Thursday, April 15, 2010, at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan, during regular working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) Monday thru Friday except CNMI holidays. A non-refundable payment of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) is required for each set. Payment shall be by money order or cashier's check (payable to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation).

Bidding procedures shall be in compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, however, Article 7, "Local Business Preference" as amended by Public Law 15-95 and further amended by Public Law 15-118, **is not available** to local bidders in this procurement because its use is prohibited by the Federal law granting the funding for this project.

Bidders are also advised that this project is subject to compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act. All wage rates for laborers, mechanics and all other employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid the current minimum wage or the wage determination for the Commonwealth as specified in CM20100001 for the Mariana Islands.

A **pre-bid conference** will be held at **10:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 27, 2010**, at the proposed project site in Chalan Kanoa, Saipan, across the U.S. Post Office, and all interested bidders will be given the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the required work and ask questions regarding the project. Attendance at this conference and site visit are considered essential to the bidders' understanding of the project elements and a company that does not have a representative in attendance at the pre-bid conference will be considered as a non-responsive bidder.

Sealed Bids must be marked **"NMHC IFB2010-R-001"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and three (3) copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director, Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than **10:00 a.m., local time, Tuesday, May 4, 2010**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m., local time, May 4, 2010 and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515 or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside of the CNMI, an original and three (3) copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U. S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than May 4, 2010 AND must be received by Procurement and Supply no later than May 13, 2010. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time, May 14, 2010. However, if no Notices of Intent to Bid are received from bidders outside of the CNMI, the bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m., local time, May 4, 2010.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00), a bid security of fifteen percent (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. This security may be in the form of a Certified Check, Cashier's Check, or Bid Bond. Checks must be made payable to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC), with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Saipan Leadership Memorial Kios Ku Project, Phase I". Surety companies must hold a Certificate of Authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General.

The bidder submitting the lowest responsible bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the NMIAC §70.30.3.301 of the CNMI Procurement Regulations. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with NMHC and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment Bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000. Pursuant to Governor's Directive 251 dated March 15, 2006, bidders are required to include a Clearance from the Office of the Insurance Commissioner with respect to the financial bonding capability of the bidders' chosen Surety. In addition, the contractor will be required to deliver a certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments or other bond obligations) exceeded the penal amount of each bond.

Performance time for completion of this project is ninety (90) calendar days upon issuance of an official written Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for the delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed at One Hundred Dollars (US\$100.00) per calendar day.

This project is funded by a grant from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), under its Community Development Block Grant, American Recovery and Reinvestment (CDBG-R) funding provided to the Commonwealth that mandates ALL MATERIALS PURCHASED AND INCORPORATED INTO THE BUILDING/WORK MUST BE MANUFACTURED OR PRODUCED IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.


This project which goal is to provide economic stimulus as well as jobs creation is also subject to Section 3 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1968 which requires recipients of HUD funds and the contractors to help insure that the economic opportunities generated by these HUD funds are provided to local low-income residents and the businesses that serve them "to the maximum extent feasible."

NMHC hereby notifies bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, women and small business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals and will not be discriminated against on grounds of race, color, national origin, political affiliation, creed, sex, religion, age, familial status, and disability status.


The Government reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any defects in the said proposals, if in the sole opinion of NMHC, to do so would be in its best interest. All proposals will become the property of the Government.

/s/ Marcie M. Tomokane
Board Chairwoman & Contracting Officer

/s/ Herman S. Sablan,
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INVITATION FOR BID

NMHC IFB2010-R-002

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Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, hereby give notice that NMHC is soliciting sealed bids for the **Installation of the Holding Tank for the Blue Grotto**, in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project package consisting of Scope of Work, Technical Specifications, Plans and Bid Documents will be available on or after Friday, April 16, 2010, at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan, during regular working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) Monday thru Friday except CNMI holidays. A non-refundable payment of Twenty-Five (\$25.00) is required for each set. Payment shall be by money order or cashier's check (payable to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation).

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Sealed Bids must be marked **"NMHC IFB2010-R-002"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and three (3) copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director, Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than **10:00 a.m., local time, Thursday, May 6, 2010**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m., local time, May 6, 2010 and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515 or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside of the CNMI, an original and three (3) copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U. S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than May 6, 2010 AND must be received by Procurement and Supply no later than May 17, 2010. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time, May 18, 2010. However, if no Notices of Intent to Bid are received from bidders outside of the CNMI, the bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m., local time, May 6, 2010.

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Nation

10 killed as tornado strikes Miss.; others injured

YAZOO CITY, Miss. (AP)—Tornadoes ripped through four states in the South on Saturday, leaving broken crosses in front of a flattened church, splintering houses and overturning vehicles as they killed 10 people, including three children.

One of the hardest hit areas was Mississippi's Yazoo County, where Gov. Haley Barbour grew up. He described "utter obliteration" among the picturesque hills rising abruptly from the flat Mississippi Delta.

More than 15 other counties in Mississippi also had damage. The swath of debris forced rescuers to pick up some of the injured on all-terrain vehicles in the west-central part of the state. Tornadoes were also reported in Louisiana, Arkansas and Alabama, and the severe weather continued to track eastward.

In Yazoo City, Malcolm Gordon, 63, stood with members of his family peering out at the neighborhood through a broken window.

Above them, the roof was gone, a tree lay across part of the house and power lines stretched across the yard. The smell of shredded pine trees hung in the warm breeze in the neighborhood of modest houses and mobile homes surrounded by hills and ravines.

Gordon and his wife, Diane, hid in a closet while much of the neighborhood was blown away.

"I'll just bulldoze what's left and start over," he said.

It was one of several unlikely survival stories to emerge from the destruction.

Essie Hendrix, manager of Peebles department store in Ya-



A puppy perks up after surviving a tornado that leveled the home of Tammy Swarek on Mississippi 17 in the Holmes County community of Franklin, Miss., Saturday, April 24, 2010.

zoo City, said she and other employees were inside with about 15 customers when the tornado struck. An assistant manager took the customers to the back of the store, and Hendrix saw the tornado barreling through

the parking lot. She huddled between a safe and a sturdy desk to avoid flying glass and debris.

"It was like a rumbling and a roaring and stuff was falling," Hendrix said. "It sounded like it was going to

suck us out of there. It lasted about two minutes, but it felt like it lasted an hour."

No one in the store was injured.

About 100 yards away, the owner of Ribeye's Steak House

said everyone ran into a walk-in freezer to safety when they saw the tornado.

"The roof was caving in, TVs flying off the shelves and it was horrible," Mitchell Saxton said. "... We got in the walk-in freezer, sat in there for about ten minutes. When I came out it was really bad. Just thanking the good Lord I'm here and able to talk with you all."

Saxton's restaurant was destroyed but no one was hurt.

The severe weather started in Louisiana, just across the state line from Mississippi when a tornado destroyed 12 homes and warehouses at Complex Chemical Co., which

makes antifreeze and other automotive fluids, owner Jerry Melton said. A small nitrogen leak was reported but didn't cause any problems.

The storm system moved east, with the twister hitting nearby Yazoo County, Miss., killing four people. In adjacent Holmes County, another person was killed. A little farther northeast, a tornado hit Choctaw County, where another five victims were reported, including children ages 3 months, 9 and 14.

Authorities in Choctaw County were going house-to-house in the areas with the worst damage to check for any injured.



ACROSS THE NATION

Body near NJ river may be baby thrown from bridge

SAYREVILLE, N.J. (AP)—A body found near a New Jersey river may be that of a 3-month-old girl who police say was thrown off a highway bridge by her father earlier this year. Sgt. Stephen Jones says clothes and wrappings in which the child were found Saturday are consistent with the descriptions given of 3-month-old Zara Malani-Lin Abdur-Raheem. But he says the baby is considered unidentified until DNA testing or other means can prove her identity. Police say the baby's father, Shamsid-Din Abdur-Raheem, confessed that he threw the infant off a bridge Feb. 16. They say Abdur-Raheem had snatched the baby from her grandmother's arms several hours earlier while the child's mother was in court getting a restraining order against him. Abdur-Raheem has pleaded not guilty to murder and other charges.

capacity to produce nearly 2 tons of marijuana annually.

Car goes airborne, lands on roof of Conn. office

STAMFORD, Conn. (AP)—Witnesses and police say a Connecticut man drove his car into a stone wall, went airborne and landed on the roof of an accountant's office before stopping in a yard. Police say Chenpai Lee drove his car into the opposite lane and hit a wall late Thursday in Stamford. They say the car flipped several times, flew and punched a hole in the roof of the office, where it briefly landed. The car brought down power lines when it stopped, for good, in the yard. Police say utility crews had to cut power to the wires before Lee could exit his car. Barry Gould's accounting office was hit by the car. He says it looked like someone had tried to install a sun window in his office. Lee wasn't seriously injured. Police told the Stamford Advocate it was too early to know if Lee would face charges.

7 arrested in Sacramento indoor marijuana bust

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—Authorities have arrested seven Sacramento-area residents suspected in two indoor marijuana-growing operations. The Drug Enforcement Administration says agents seized more than 4,300 plants, about \$83,000 in cash and one vehicle during a two-day sweep. Authorities began investigating the first operation in the Sacramento suburb of Elk Grove in November. The second investigation began in Sacramento a month later. Six people were arrested on suspicion of conspiracy to grow and manufacture at least 1,000 marijuana plants and knowingly maintaining a place for manufacturing marijuana. One man was charged with manufacturing at least 1,000 plants. The DEA says the two growing operations had the ca-

Coast Guard: Oil leaking from well at blast site

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—The Coast Guard discovered Saturday that oil is leaking from the damaged well that fed a massive rig that exploded this week off Louisiana's coast, while bad weather halted efforts to clean up the mess that threatens the area's fragile marine ecosystem. Coast Guard and company officials estimate that as much as 1,000 barrels—or 42,000 gallons—of oil is leaking each day after studying information from remotely operated vehicles and the size of the oil slick surrounding the blast site. By comparison, Exxon Valdez spilled 11 million gallons in Alaska's Prince William Sound in 1989—the worst oil spill in U.S. history.

Arizona law raises fears of racial profiling

PHOENIX (AP)—Arodi Berrelleza isn't one of the targets of Arizona's new anti-illegal immigration law—he's a U.S. citizen.

But the 18-year-old high school student from Phoenix said he's afraid he'll be arrested anyway if police see him driving around with friends and relatives, some of them illegal immigrants.

"If a cop sees them and they look Mexican, he's going to stop me," Berrelleza said. "What if people are U.S. citizens? They're going to be asking them if they have papers because of the color of their skin."

Berrelleza's concerns were echoed at rallies in the state Saturday, a day after Gov. Jan Brewer signed a bill that requires police to question people about their immigration status—including asking for identification—if they suspect someone is in the country illegally.

The new law, which will take effect in late July or early August, was cheered by many,

including Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio, whose tough crackdowns have made him a hero in the anti-illegal immigration community.

He said it gives him new authority to detain undocumented migrants who aren't accused of committing any other crimes.

"Now if we show they're illegal, we can actually arrest them and put them in our jails," Arpaio said.

Current law in Arizona and most states doesn't require police to ask about the immigration status of those they come across, and many departments prohibit officers from inquiring out of fear immigrants won't report crime or cooperate in other investigations.

The new measure also toughens restrictions on hiring illegal immigrants for day labor and knowingly transporting them.

Arizona has an estimated 460,000 illegal immigrants and is the state with the most illegal border crossings, with

the harsh, remote desert serving as the gateway for thousands of Mexicans and Central Americans.

Arpaio said he hoped Arizona's example coerces the federal government into acting to seal the border.

President Barack Obama has called the new law "misguided" and has instructed the Justice Department to examine it to see if it's legal. He added that the failure to enact immigration reform in Washington left the door open to the "irresponsibility by others."

Arpaio said the law's passage is going to spur politicians on Washington "get something done."

"Because I think they'll be afraid that other states will follow this new law that's now been passed," he said.

Mexican President Felipe Calderon's office said in a statement Saturday that "the Mexican government condemns the approval of the

law" and "the criminalization of migration." It said the law will serve as an obstacle as Mexico and Arizona try to solve the shared problems along the border.

Mona Patton, a 58-year-old real estate agent from Prescott, said she's proud of Brewer and the Legislature for trying to protect people from violent drug cartels. "When Arizonans aren't safe then something has to be done. We've got to let law enforcement handle things," Patton said.

A handful of protesters lingered at the state Capitol Saturday morning, with a bigger rally expected to draw hundreds on Sunday afternoon.

Opponents of the law also gathered in Tucson outside the campaign headquarters of U.S. Rep. Raul Grijalva, a Democrat who opposes the measure and said his staff has been flooded with phone calls, some from people threatening violence and shouting racial slurs.

Asia

ASIAN BRIEFS

Thai protesters vow to hold key Bangkok sites
BANGKOK (AP)—Thai protesters occupying key areas of Bangkok vowed Sunday to fight until victory following a breakdown of negotiations and a televised appearance by the prime minister that offered no solution to the weeklong, sometimes bloody crisis. Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva spoke in a nationally televised interview alongside the army chief Sunday, in an apparent effort to dispel persistent rumors of a rift between Abhisit and the military. The broadcast came a day after Abhisit's rejection of a compromise offer by the so-called Red Shirts—who say the current government is illegitimate and are demanding new elections—dashed hopes that a peaceful way could be found to end the standoff. "We won't go home until we win," a protest leader, Khwanchai Praipana, told supporters following Abhisit's appearance.

Strong earthquake rattles eastern Indonesia island
JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)—An earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of 6.1 has struck Indonesia's North Maluku province. There have been no immediate reports of damage and no tsunami warning has been issued. The U.S. Geological Survey says Saturday's quake was centered near Obi island at a depth of about 33 miles (53 kilometers).

The area is some 1,500 miles (2,400 kilometers) east of Jakarta. Indonesia's Meteorology, Geophysics and Climate Agency measured the quake at 6.4 magnitude.

SKorea hoists 2nd half of sunken warship from sea
SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—South Korea pulled the bow of a sunken warship from waters near a disputed border with North Korea on Saturday, recovering the body of one more sailor as authorities search the wreck for clues to the cause of the explosion that killed dozens. A huge floating crane loaded the wreck onto a barge in the Yellow Sea, and the military is continuing to look for the six sailors still unaccounted for, Seoul's Joint Chiefs of Staff said. Forty bodies have been recovered so far, including the one pulled out Saturday. The barge will take the ship to a naval base south of Seoul for an investigation with foreign experts. The stern of the 1,200-ton Cheonan had been salvaged last week and moved to the same base.

Suicide attack killed American soldier, US says
KABUL (AP)—The explosion that killed an American soldier on an Afghan military base this week was a suicide attack, the Pentagon has confirmed. It was not immediately clear how the attacker got into the base or how many people were wounded in Monday's blast.

NATO referred questions to Afghan military officials because it happened on their base. On Saturday, Afghan Defense Ministry spokesman Gen. Mohammad Zahir Azimi said he had received no information that the attack was a suicide bomb. The Taliban claimed responsibility in calls to news organizations in Kabul soon after the blast. A statement posted on the Pentagon website said Sgt. Robert J. Barrett, 20, of Fall River, Massachusetts, died Monday when a suicide bomber attacked his unit in the Afghan capital. Several U.S. soldiers were also wounded.

3 dead when New Zealand military chopper crashes
WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP)—Three airmen are dead and a fourth seriously hurt after a New Zealand military helicopter en route to a military memorial flyover crashed on farmland north of the capital, Wellington, emergency services said Sunday. Earlier, three Vietnam-era Iroquois military helicopters failed to appear at a scheduled fly past at a dawn service in the capital to commemorate the 95th anniversary of the landing of New Zealand and Australian troops at Gallipoli in Turkey during World War I. Defense Force communications director, Commander Phil Bradshaw, said in a statement there would be no official comment until the force had established what happened.

World

Top Mexico security official convoy ambushed, 4 killed

MORELIA, Mexico (AP)—Gunmen armed with assault rifles and grenades attacked a convoy carrying the top security official of the western state of Michoacan on Saturday, killing four and wounding 10 in Mexico's second brazen ambush in as many days.

Public Safety Secretary Milenio Bautista was among the wounded but was recovering from non-life-threatening injuries, according to the state attorney general's office. She was traveling in a bullet-resistant sport utility vehicle.

State Attorney General Je-

sus Montejano told the local Milenio television station that the attackers used assault rifles, grenades, a grenade launcher and a powerful .50-caliber sniper rifle whose rounds are capable of penetrating bullet-resistant materials.

"In the ambush, they used concentrated fire from these types of weapons, forcing her and her escort to crash into a trailer truck that they had pulled across the road," Montejano said.

The dead included two of Bautista's bodyguards and two bystanders. Of the other nine people wounded, most were


bystanders, including two girls ages 2 and 12.

Montejano said most of those wounded were people returning from a regional fair, whose opening Bautista had also attended. She was returning from the fair when her three-vehicle convoy was attacked just after midnight.

There was no immediate information on the identity of the attackers, who numbered about 20, or on a possible motive. However, drug violence is common in Michoacan, the home base of the drug cartel known as La Familia.



IN MEMORIAM
Thousands of Lebanese of Armenian descent, holding banners and Armenian flags, march to mark the 95th anniversary of the mass slaughter of Armenians by Ottoman Turks around the time of World War I, in Antelias, north of Beirut, Lebanon, Saturday, April 24, 2010. Historians estimate that up to 1.5 million Armenians were killed by Ottoman Turks around the time of World War I. Turkey denies that the deaths constituted genocide, saying the toll has been inflated and those killed were victims of civil war and unrest.



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
CPA-RFP-001-10A

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting cost proposals for trash collection services for a period of two years. The collection locations and scope of work package is available Monday to Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor, Arrival Building, at the Saipan International Airport.

Interested proposers are encouraged to contact CPA's Terminal Maintenance Department at 237-6500 to make arrangements for a site visit of the trash collection locations.


Interested proposers must submit one original and four copies of the sealed cost proposal for the term of two-years service, a description of proposer's past performance and experience, list of equipment, and proof of insurance in compliance with CPA's insurance requirements. The employees of the winning proposer accessing the secured areas at the airport will be required to obtain an airport security badge which includes finger-printing and criminal background check, at the expense of the proposer.

The sealed proposals must be submitted before **4:30 p.m., Friday, April 30, 2010**, at the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor of the Arrival Building, at the Saipan International Airport. CPA reserves the right to reject any and all proposals if in its opinion to do so is in CPA's best interest.



EDWARD M. DELEON GUERRERO
Executive Director

Date: April 15, 2010



MEETING NOTICE

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, the Marianas Visitors Authority, hereby gives notice that a **Regular Board Meeting** will be held on **Thursday, April 29, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.** at the MVA Conference Room, San Jose Professional Building Saipan, MP 96950.

MEETING AGENDA

- Preliminary Matters**
 - Call to Order
 - Roll Call
 - Adoption of Agenda
 - March 29, 2010
- Public Comments**
- Committee Reports**
 - Finance
 - Personnel
 - Ad Hoc Reports
 - Japan Market Recommendation
- Old Business**
- New Business**
 - Personnel Matter
- Executive Session**
- Adjournment**

/s/ Marian Aldan-Pierce
Acting Chair, MVA Board of Directors

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In The Matter of the Estate of	CIVIL ACTON NO. 10-0112
VICTORINO TUDELA BORJA, Deceased.	NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO: THE HEIRS, GENERAL PUBLIC AND CREDITORS OF THE DECEDENT OR OF HER ESTATE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Petitioner Joseph Arriola Borja has filed a Petition for Letters of Administration in the above-entitled action.

A HEARING on the Petition for Letters of Administration will be conducted by the court on June 8, 2010, at 1:30 p.m. in Courtroom 202 A, CNMI Superior Court.

All persons interested are hereby notified to appear at the hearing and show cause, if any, why the order appointing Joseph Arriola Borja as Administrator should not be made.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Rules 21 and 11 of the Commonwealth Rules of Probate, to all creditors of the decedent or his estate that they must file their claims with the Clerk of Court within sixty (60) days of the first publication of this notice. Any creditor's claims not filed within sixty (60) days shall be barred. A copy of the claim of any creditor should be sent to Deborah E. Fisher, counsel for Petitioner, at the above indicated address. Reference is hereby made to the Petition for Letters of Administration for further particulars.

Dated this 21st day of April, 2010.

COMMONWEALTH SUPERIOR COURT:
/s/ CLERK OF COURT

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COMMONWEALTH SUPERIOR COURT:
/s/ CLERK OF COURT

Life & Style

Bridge Capital unveils new HQ, names winners of art tilt

Lt. Gov. Eloy Inos led the ribbon cutting ceremony Saturday that marked the grand opening of the worldwide headquarters of Bridge Capital LLC on Micro Beach Road in Garapan. Winners of the art competition sponsored by Bridge Capital were also announced during the grand opening.

In his welcoming remarks, Inos recognized “the exceptional service of Bridge Capital LLC that was rendered to the people of the Commonwealth in what is still a relatively short history of the firm.”

Inos expressed gratitude to Bridge Capital for all its generous contributions to various local organizations that promote health and education in the community since 2007.

Inos was also “very much pleased” that Saipan was chosen as the site for Bridge Capital’s worldwide headquarters. He said that the opening of the new headquarters certainly “reflects [Bridge Capital’s] commitment to our island.”

“Our administration looks forward to many more years of partnership as we continue our mission to revitalize our economy,” Inos added.

Joining Inos in the ribbon cutting were John Mulder, Bridge Capital’s chief operations officer; Lisa Frederickson, office manager and senior asset manager; Jon Anderson, property manager; and former House Floor Leader Joseph Norita Camacho.



Reuben Maghanoy's painting, “Fir Blossoms,” bags the third prize in the art competition sponsored by Bridge Capital LLC. HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

RNV Construction was the contractor for Bridge Capital’s new headquarters.

Refreshments and live entertainment were provided during the event.

Art competition winners

The art competition was divided into two. The open competition featured two and three-dimensional works of artists who are 18 years old or older while the

K-12 competition catered to students from kindergarten through 12th grade.

Ross Benjamin Wood, a ceramics teacher at Saipan Southern High School, was declared the grand prize winner in the open competition. His winning creation is called “CNMI Latte Storyboard.”

Wood, who runs the art department at SSHS, was in Guam for a master’s tournament in soccer during the announcement. SSHS teacher Rebecca Reid and principal Craig Garrison accepted the prize on his behalf. The grand prize winner was awarded a check worth \$2,500.

CNMI Museum director Robert Hunter won first prize for a painting he created for the competition. “The Treasure” shows a child in Carolinian attire looking at a shell, with the vast ocean as a backdrop. According to Hunter, the treasure can refer to the child or the shell, depending on an viewer’s perspective.

Hunter also bagged the second prize for a canvas work he did from way back, titled “Discovery.”

Third prize went to Reuben Maghanoy for his acrylic on canvass, “Fir Blossoms.” Maghanoy, who submitted two entries for the contest, created his winning piece in two weeks in the early part of 2009.

Meanwhile, the win-

ning artists for the K-12 competition were awarded \$100 each and another \$100 for their respective teacher for the purchase of art supplies.

Timothy James Castillon of Ladera International School of Saipan won for the second grade level with his entry “Mango.” Castillon’s teacher is Erica Woods.

The winner for the third grade level was Andy Zhu of Garapan Elementary School. Zhu’s work was called “Underwater World in the Future.”

Fourth grader Shawn Patrick Castillon, also from Ladera, won for his artwork called “Mother and Son.”

Madison Sablan, a 5th grader at Saipan Community School, was with her teacher, Tamiko Winkfield, when she accepted her award for her work of art called “Mascot.”

Sixth grade level winner Ji Yoon Jung of Saipan International School created “Saipan Pretty Girl.”

Marianas Baptist Academy 7th grader Seo Yoon Ko’s masterpiece was called “The Turtle.”

Eight grader John Jerick Cabrera’s “Ancient Chamorro House” and ninth grader Marielle Bugarin’s “Lily,” were the winners for their respective levels. Both are students at Tinian

Junior Senior High School.

Marianas High School’s Karl Kenneth Melchor won the 10th grade level for “It’s a Wonderful World.”

Two works—“The Harmony of Nature” by So Jung Song of SSHS and “The Pen” by Sun Park of Marianas Baptist Academy—got the judges’ nod in the 11th grade level.

Eun Jung Kim of Grace Christian Academy was declared winner in the 12th grade level for the art piece, “Coconut Trees and Coconuts.”

Judges for the art competition were Lt. Gov. Inos, Camacho, Mulder and Frederickson.

The art competition sponsored by Bridge Capital was launched in time for its grand opening. Its objective was to encourage, promote and support artists in the CNMI. (Saipan Tribune)



HAIDEE V. EUGENIO



CNMI Museum director Robert Hunter's painting, “The Treasure,” wins first place. HAIDEE V. EUGENIO



Saipan Southern High School teacher Rebecca Read accepts the award on behalf of Ross Benjamin Wood, who won the grand prize in Bridge Capital LLC’s art competition with his entry, “CNMI Latte Story Board.” Wood was in Guam for a soccer tournament during the awarding ceremony. HAIDEE V. EUGENIO



CNMI Museum director Robert Hunter, left, receives a check from Bridge Capital LLC chief executive officer John R. Mulder, center, for winning both the first and second prize in the art competition. HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Au naturel: Celebs opt for unretouched photos

By LISA ORKIN EMMANUEL
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

MIAMI, Florida (AP)—Jessica Simpson is her usual pretty blonde self on the May cover of Marie Claire magazine. But where is the makeup?

She looks like a natural all-American beauty in unretouched photos that include her sitting in a grassy field running her hand through her air-dried locks and looking into the distance, the

Bret Michaels' condition critical from brain bleed

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Bret Michaels is in critical condition suffering from a brain hemorrhage, his publicist said Friday. Joann Mignano, Michaels' New York-based publicist, confirmed a report on People magazine's website that said the former Poison frontman was rushed to intensive care late Thursday after a severe headache. The report said doctors discovered bleeding at the base of his brain stem.

Mignano said tests are being conducted but did not know where he was being treated.

The 47-year-old glam-rock reality TV star had an emergency appendectomy at a private care facility for diabetics last week after complaining of stomach pains before he was scheduled to perform at Sea World in San Antonio, Texas. Michaels



Michaels

Michaels later wrote on his website that though the surgery "has taken its toll," doctors expected him to make a full recovery.

Michaels is currently a contestant on the third season of Donald Trump's NBC competitive reality show, "The Celebrity Apprentice." For the first six episodes, Michaels served as a lighting rod for the show's male team, avoiding being fired in the boardroom.

Trump said in a statement Friday that he was "deeply saddened" to hear of Michaels' condition.

"He's a great competitor and champion, and I hope he will be fine," Trump said.

Before joining "The Celebrity Apprentice," Michaels starred as the lothario on VH1's lusty reality dating series "Rock of Love" from 2007 to 2009. For three seasons, Michaels searched for the women of his dreams amid a sea of implants, tattoos and thongs.

He also served as a judge on the fifth season of the USA singing competition "Nashville Star" in 2007.

sun shining on her face.

The spread makes her the latest brave celebrity (there are not many) who have been willing to be seen by a mass audience without the prerequisite beautification process.

"I think she was at a place in her life where she felt comfortable doing it," said the magazine's editor-in-chief, Joanna Coles.

While few are willing to go where Simpson has, more are popping up.

Kim Kardashian, Joy Bryant and Amanda de Cadenet all posed unretouched—and naked—for a story on body image in the May Harper's Bazaar. Kardashian also went unretouched in a bikini on the cover of Life & Style last year. Claudia Schiffer posed for unmanipulated photos in the September 2009 issue of Tank, a British magazine.

Unretouched shots of Britney Spears from a Candie's ad surfaced recently on the Internet next to more buff images the company actually used.

Marie Claire has asked many celebrities to go bare faced, but none had agreed, Coles said.

Simpson was motivated by her VH1 show, "The Price of Beauty," Coles said. The show had her traveling the globe with two friends to examine standards of beauty around the world.

"I think it changed the way she thought about things. I think making that show was really quite a profound experience for her," Coles said. "There was something very liberating for her about doing this."

Simpson faced criticism for her weight after she wore a pair of high-waisted jeans that cut her in all the wrong places. She



This magazine cover image provided by Marie Claire shows the May 2010 cover of Marie Claire magazine featuring Jessica Simpson.

became a household name during "Newlyweds: Nick and Jessica" for MTV, a reality show with her then husband Nick Lachey.

"I just think she's an interesting person to do it with because she is usually so packaged," Coles said.

So few have gone unretouched that those who do earn notice, both positive and negative. In the original photos of Spears, she looks a little heavier, with cellulite, a point not lost on some commenters at a blog of New York magazine.

Another, BIRTHDAYGIRL, said: "It's actually not as bad as I would have expected."

In 2002, More magazine ran photos of Jamie Lee Curtis, flaws and all, in undergarments.

"It's a gimmick," said Lesley Jane Seymour, More's editor-in-chief. "Aside from a gimmick, you are not going to see many celebrities bare faced. They can't even go to get the mail bare faced."

European publications first photographed women without makeup and no retouching last year, then it crossed the Atlantic. Often, it is the celebs and their publicists who demand more retouching, Seymour said. Her magazine, aimed at women over 40, likes to keep in signs of aging.

In Simpson's case, what is the risk? She is beautiful with or without makeup, Seymour said.

"It's not me crawling out of the shower ... with my husband's iPhone photo," she said. "It's all very carefully orchestrated gimmicks, but clever."

Dove has accurately depicted women's shape, size, skin color and age in photos in their print ads since 2004 as part of the Campaign for Real Beauty. The company also uses real women instead of professional models in ads.

A study conducted for Dove made executives realize they should encourage women and girls to build a positive relationship to beauty, said Kathy O'Brien, the vice president for personal care of Dove's parent company, Unilever. Only 2 percent of women around the world described themselves as beautiful in the study.

"I think it's really encouraging that we are seeing more and more individuals or organizations embrace this idea of real beauty," she said.

Lisa Wade, whose areas of expertise include sexuality as power, and the media and feminism, teaches at Occidental College. She said Simpson and others are going unretouched voluntarily and have control over the images as opposed to paparazzi photos that emerge without their permission.

"We actually do have lots and lots of celebrities when their makeup isn't perfect. What is amazing and what we find so intriguing is that they choose to be seen that way," she said.

Looking at less-than-perfect pics of celebs makes their status "not that unattainable" to those who view them, Wade said.

"We internalize the idea that beautiful people are better in every way," she said, "and then we are told by society that we don't measure up."

FIRST YEAR DEATH ANNIVERSARY

In Loving Memory of

RAMON TYDINGCO FEJERAN

SO DEEPLY MISSED....SO LOVINGLY REMEMBERED

We cordially invite all our relatives and friends to join us in prayers to commemorate the First Anniversary of the death of my Beloved husband, our father, grandfather, brother, and uncle.

Daily Mass will be offered at San Vicente Church at 6:00 p.m. starting April 28, 2010 through May 6, 2010.

On the final day, May 6, 2010, The Eucharistic Celebration will be at San Vicente Church at 6:00 PM. Dinner will follow immediately at the family residence in DanDan, Saipan.

Your presence and prayers are greatly appreciated.

Thank You and Un Dangkulu na Si Yu'us Ma'ase.

Ginen Edith, i Famagu'on yan i Familia

Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

Words cannot convey my gratitude knowing that there were family and friends who were able to be there with a warm hug to give, a strong hand to hold, an open ear to listen or a happy memory to share; and others, though not present, did so much to show that they care with a beautiful note, a generous donation and many prayers. Please know your kindness made it easier to bear.

Jennifer, Frankie, Dame and Kalee Torres

LOS ANGELES—In the recently released trailer for “The Expendables,” the action movie directed by Sylvester Stallone about a group of aging mercenaries on a rebel mission in South America, big-screen graybeards such as Stallone, Bruce Willis, Dolph Lundgren and Mickey Rourke (along with the more youthful Jason Statham and Randy Couture) are plotting a coup when an unexpected face suddenly materializes.

Arnold Schwarzenegger, apparently taking a break from the budgetary troubles that have dogged him during his governorship, appears on screen with Willis and Stallone, utters a crisply satirical line (“Give this job to my friend here—he loves playing in the jungle,” he says about the “Rambo” star) and, as quickly as he appeared, turns and walks away.

As California’s governor prepares to beat a retreat from Sacramento at the end of the year, the scene dangles a tantalizing possibility. Forget low approval ratings, tax hikes and an education crisis—fans and entertainment-business insiders are asking more pressing questions. Is the appearance in the Aug. 13 release “The Expendables”—a testosterone-drenched shoot-em-up summer movie, if testosterone-drenched shoot-em-up summer movies were cast in action-film retirement homes—an acting swan song before Schwarzenegger stalks off to a new political adventure (a post in the Obama administration, perhaps)? Or is it a trial balloon for another foray into Hollywood?

Since landing in the governor’s office nearly 6 years ago, Schwarzenegger has taken on a task that can seem as mercenary as any in “The Expendables.” In fact, after all the political powder kegs, legislative trench warfare and spray-and-pray news coverage, he may have wished they’d given this job to his friend. (Or his enemy.)

But Schwarzenegger is unlikely to let his work in the Capitol serve as our lasting impression of him. “When politicians leave office, they almost always try to re-ingratiate themselves with the public they’ve inevitably disappointed,” says pundit and Time magazine columnist Joe Klein, a frequent chronicler of the politics-celebrity nexus.

In Schwarzenegger’s case, that could mean a humanitarian role à la the one inhabited by former President Bill Clinton. Or it could mean an actual movie role.

Schwarzenegger, after all, has shown a remarkable capacity for reinvention over his more than three decades in the public eye. The Austrian immigrant made the unusual transition from bodybuilder to B-movie star before ascending to the A-list, then recast himself as a comedic actor, before finally making the leap from dominating the multiplex to running the biggest state in the union. Along the way, he’s incorporated parts of his earlier self; as governor, he’s put his show business experience to use by relying on catchy sound bites right out of a studio marketer’s playbook.

Since America loves a comeback, what would be a better move, for a man famous for promising he’ll be back, than a return to the big screen, especially as he’s been edged further out of a Tea Party-minded Republican mainstream? As Klein puts it: “Acting would be a way for Schwarzenegger to restore himself in the eyes of the public.”

For years, celebrities who crossed from entertainment into politics (Ronald Reagan, Sonny Bono) didn’t boomerang back to their former profession. And politicians who leave elected office to dabble in television celebrity are often just holding their place until they can return to the public sector (the Sarah Palin way, if she indeed returns).

Hollywood wonders if Arnold Schwarzenegger will be back

By STEVEN ZEITCHIK
LOS ANGELES TIMES



Sylvester Stallone is a scene from *The Expendables*.

Queen Elizabeth’s husband suffers ankle injury

LONDON (AP)—Queen Elizabeth II’s husband Prince Philip suffered a minor ankle injury in a carriage driving accident on their Windsor estate Friday, Buckingham Palace said.

The palace said Philip did not need hospital treatment after his carriage hit a tree stump Friday morning and that he was “out and about as normal” in the afternoon.

The 88-year-old is an avid sportsman and took up carriage driving after retiring from polo in 1971. He said he thought it would be “a nice weekend activity” and has stuck with it since.

“It is amazing that he’s still doing it, and good for him,” Ingrid Seward, the editor of Majesty magazine, told the BBC.

Seward said she had once gone on a carriage with the prince, and that the Duke of Edinburgh was “probably practicing.”

“If you lose control even for a split second, it’s like taking a car over a curb,” she said. “You can sustain quite a nasty injury like that.”

Philip — also known for his skill at golf, sailing, and cricket — has had a series of sports-related injuries over

the years.

He broke his ankle in 1961 in a collision on the polo field and cut his arm while playing the game two years later. He pulled a ligament in his shoulder after a fall from his polo pony in 1964.

Although the ponies pulling Philip’s carriage were unharmed in Friday’s accident, a woman who cares for the animals had to go to the hospital to have an elbow injury checked out.

Earlier this month, Camilla, the wife of Philip’s son Prince Charles, broke her left leg while hiking in Scotland.

ENTERTAINMENT TIDBITS

Melissa Etheridge tells Winfrey breakup was mutual

CHICAGO (AP)—Musician Melissa Etheridge says her separation from her partner, actress Tammy Lynn Michaels Etheridge, was mutual. On Friday’s episode of “The Oprah Winfrey Show,” Etheridge told Winfrey the separation was “as mutual as those things can be.” She also called the breakup “sad.” The 48-year-old singer calls 35-year-old Tammy Etheridge “a wonderful woman and an incredible mother” and said “she’ll always be in my life.” The couple announced their separation April 15. They had held a commitment ceremony in Malibu, California, in 2003. Tammy Etheridge gave birth to twins—a son, Miller, and a daughter, Johnnie Rose—in 2006. The couple used an anonymous donor from a sperm bank.

Archie Comics introduces first gay character

NEW YORK (AP)—Archie Comics is getting its first gay character. The long-running comic announced Thursday that an issue out Sept. 1 will introduce

its first “openly gay” character, Kevin Keller, to the student body at Riverdale High School. The strapping blond will defeat Jughead in a burger eating contest, win the affection of Veronica and wrestle over how to gently rebuff her flirtations. Jon Goldwater, co-CEO of Archie Comics, says the introduction of Kevin is “about keeping the world of Archie Comics current and inclusive.”

Woody Allen heads to Paris to shoot his next film

NEW YORK (AP)—Woody Allen’s European detours from his native New York will continue with his next film, “Midnight in Paris.” The director announced plans Friday to begin shooting the film this summer in Paris. In recent years, Allen has sought better financing and different backdrops in Spain and England, though his last film, “Whatever Works,” did return him to New York. The romantic comedy follows a family traveling in Paris for business. It stars Owen Wilson, Marion Cotillard, Rachel McAdams and Kathy Bates. French first lady Carla Bruni also will

play a role in the film. Allen’s film “You Will Meet a Tall Dark Stranger” will arrive in theaters this fall. That film had been shot in England. It will premiere at the Cannes Film Festival in France in May.

Hasselhoff’s ex wife sentenced to jail

LOS ANGELES (AP)—David Hasselhoff’s ex-wife has been sentenced to jail after pleading no contest to a drunken driving charge. Court records show Pamela Bach entered the plea Thursday in a Los Angeles court and was sentenced to 90 days. She will begin serving the sentence in May. She received 60 days of jail time because she was on probation for a previous drunken driving case when she was arrested in November. Authorities found she had a blood alcohol level of 0.14. The legal limit is 0.08. Attorney Jon Artz says Bach “wants to do the right thing” and move forward with her life. Bach was married to Hasselhoff for 16 years until he filed for divorce in 2006. She appeared as a cafe owner in several episodes of Hasselhoff’s TV series, “Baywatch.”

Author says he wrote vicious reviews, not his wife

LONDON (AP)—There may be some marital tension in the home of Orlando Figes, a celebrated author and Russian scholar embroiled in a scandal involving vicious reviews posted on Amazon’s website.

The anonymous reviews attacked books written by Figes’ rivals, and last week his wife, law professor Stephanie Palmer, said she was responsible. But now Figes admits he actually wrote the nasty putdowns, which built up his reputation at other authors’ expense.

“I take full responsibility for posting anonymous reviews on Amazon,” he said in a statement released Friday. “I have made some foolish errors and apologize wholeheartedly to all concerned.”

Figes specifically apologized to his wife, his lawyer—who was misled about the source of the reviews—and to the authors he trashed on Amazon, including Rachel Polonsky, Robert Service and Kate Summerscale.

The scandal has transfixed literary London because of the personalities—and venom—involved.

It seems to have taken a heavy toll on Figes, who said in his statement he was suffering from unspecified health problems brought on by the controversy about the reviews.

“I am ashamed of my behavior, and don’t entirely understand why I acted as I did,” he said. “It was stupid—some of the reviews I now see were small-minded and ungenerous but they were not intended to harm. This crisis has exposed some health problems, though I offer that more as explanation than excuse. I need some time now to reflect on what I have done and the consequences of my actions with medical help.”

Figes, 50, is a prizewinning author known for his evocative works about Russia, including “Natasha’s Dance: A Cultural History of Russia” and “The Whisperers: Private Life in Stalin’s Russia.”

The controversy has caused some consternation for David Price, Figes’ lawyer, who last week said that Palmer, the author’s wife, was behind the reviews, which included gushing praise for one of Figes’ books.

Price said Friday he had been misled.

“So far as I can, I try to ensure I am being told the truth by a client,” he said.

In his statement, Figes said he panicked when confronted with questions about the Amazon reviews and turned to his wife for help. She agreed to take the blame for the slanted reviews, he said.

“My wife loyally tried to save me and protect our family at a moment of intense stress when she was worried for my health, and I owe her an unreserved apology,” he said.

Figes’ anonymous reviews were scathing. When he lost out to Summerscale for the 30,000-pound (\$45,000) Samuel Johnson Prize in 2008, the anonymous review said: “Oh dear, what on earth were the judges thinking?”



AP
In this Jan. 23, 2010 file photo, actors Michael C. Hall, left, and wife Jennifer Carpenter arrive at the 16th Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards in Los Angeles.

Wife: 'Dexter' star 'fully recovered' from cancer

NEW YORK (AP)—The wife of Michael C. Hall says the "Dexter" star is "fully recovered" from cancer and has returned to work.

Jennifer Carpenter said Friday that Hall was "incredibly brave" when he announced in January that he was undergoing treatment for Hodgkin's lymphoma, a cancer that attacks the lymph nodes.

The 38-year-old Hall went into remission and continued treatment at a health facility near Los Angeles.

Hall won a Screen Actors Guild Award and a Golden Globe Award earlier this year for his portrayal of Dexter, a serial killer who targets other murderers. Carpenter stars on the bloody Showtime hit series as Dexter's seemingly unknowing sister.

White House adviser spills secret: Obama loves pie

BURBANK, Calif. (AP)—Presidents have had their indulgences—Ronald Reagan loved jellybeans and Bill Clinton binged at McDonald's. What's President Barack Obama's weak spot?

Pie.
Obama's senior adviser, David Axelrod, told Jay Leno Friday that the president was forced to "separate" from the White House pastry chef to break his bad eating habits.

"One of the things that happened when he came to the White House is they have a very great pastry chef. It became a big problem," Axelrod confided on "The Tonight Show."

The president, he said, "has a weakness for pie."

The chunky-built Axelrod might just be needling his boss—Obama lectures him about diet, exercise and his "beer gut."

The pie problem didn't come up earlier this year when the 48-year-old president was declared in excellent health by his doctors. An avid basketball player and golfer, it was said he eats modest portions.

Axelrod had a different story: He says the president loves cheeseburgers and pie, hardly health food.

The news wouldn't be welcomed by first lady Michelle

Obama, who's on a campaign against childhood obesity.

"I hope the first lady isn't watching," Axelrod said.



AP
President Barack Obama smiles as he walks onto the 10th green of the golf course at Grove Park Inn in Asheville, N.C., Friday, April 23, 2010.

'Survivor' contestant accused of shoving woman

LAFAYETTE, La. (AP)—Police in Louisiana say "Survivor" contestant Russell Hantz is charged with simple battery after being accused of shoving a woman to the ground.

Lafayette police say Hantz was booked into the parish jail early Friday after the incident in downtown Lafayette. The woman was not seriously hurt.

Officers on patrol nearby were flagged down and interviewed several witnesses. Hantz was released later in the day. It could not be determined whether he had an attorney.

Hantz was runner-up in the "Survivor: Samoa" series and is currently on the series "Survivor: Heroes vs. Villains" on CBS.

Web series starring Lisa Kudrow moving to Showtime

NEW YORK (AP)—Former "Friends" star Lisa Kudrow's Web series is moving to a bigger screen.

Showtime said Friday that it will air at least 10 episodes of "Web Therapy" starting next year, with new material shot for TV.

Kudrow plays a self-proclaimed psychotherapist who supposedly treats patients with weekly three-minute sessions via Web cam. Even with that short of time, she's more interested in her own issues than in theirs.

Several comedic actors make appearances. They include "Friends" co-star Courteney Cox, Jane Lynch of "Glee," Rashida Jones of "The Office" and Julia Louis-Dreyfus of "The New Adventures of Old Christine."



AP
In this March 3, 2010 file photo provided by NBC Universal, actress Lisa Kudrow makes an appearance on NBC's "Today" show to talk about the new show "Who Do You Think You Are?," in New York.

"Web Therapy" is in its third season of online episodes.

Birthday parties for dead child cause parents pain

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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DEAR ABBY: Nine years ago, my sister and I gave birth on the same day. Her daughter lived; my son died the next day.

At my niece's birthday parties my family insists on bringing gifts for my deceased son. My niece opens his gifts and my mother and sister then take them to the cemetery. They also order a special birthday cake for him along with the one for my niece.

I have tried telling them several times that this is confusing to my 6-year-old son, and it depresses my husband and me. My husband refuses to attend any more of my niece's birthday parties until the gifts/cake for our deceased son stop, and I'm about ready to join him.

Are we being "too uptight," as my family says, and is this behavior on the part of my family normal? Are we right to ask them to stop? And how do we convey this to them without hurting their feelings again?

MOURNING MOTHER IN BIG SPRING, TEXAS

DEAR MOURNING MOTHER: The practice of taking gifts to the deceased does occur in other cultures, and is considered normal in those cultures. However, for your mother and sister to insist upon doing so when you and your husband have told them that it causes you pain is wrong. Tell them before the next party that you do not want it to happen, and exactly why. If they disregard your wishes, follow your husband's lead and skip the parties, too.

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DEAR ABBY: I can't seem to grow up. I think I may have something similar to a Peter Pan complex. I often fantasize about my childhood. I miss it more than I should. I am a 25-year-old female.

I also do things that people usually do at younger ages. I put stickers all over everything. I like coloring books, and feel comfortable in kids' clothing. I watch youth-oriented TV shows people my age are not interested in.

I'm in college, and try hard to put these things behind me, but it's a constant battle. They stay in the forefront of my mind. With each passing year it gets harder to hide.

My parents think I act this way for attention, but it's embarrassing and I often don't realize that I'm doing something childish. In contrast, my big brother (age 29) is out of college, married and leading a positive, normal life. Do I need help?

CHILDISH ADULT

DEAR CHILDISH ADULT: When someone is a child, she isn't ready to assume the responsibilities of adulthood. But when an adult clings to the trappings of childhood as you have, it may be because the responsibilities—and privileges—of adulthood are in some way threatening. Do you need help? Possibly, because what's going on is troubling you. And the place to find it is in the counseling department of your student health center.

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DEAR ABBY: While in a department store recently, I lost my credit cards, driver's license, important papers and a sizable sum of money. Two employees called me later to say they had found my belongings.

When I returned to the store to pick up my things, I presented the young women with a basket of fruits and chocolate along with my thanks. Some friends told me I was wrong not to reward them with money. Did I do the right thing?

IN LUCK IN NEW YORK

DEAR IN LUCK: It was thoughtful of you to bring the fruits and chocolate, but if the "sizable sum of money" was still in your wallet, it would have been "sweeter" had you given them some money in addition.

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Mel Brooks gets star on Hollywood Walk of Fame



AP
Mel Brooks, right, is joined by his son Max and grandson Henry, 5, at dedication ceremonies for Mel Brooks' new Star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in Los Angeles Friday, April 23, 2010.

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Nobody could say people walk all over Mel Brooks. Until now.

The comedian, actor and producer who gave the world "Blazing Saddles," "Young Frankenstein" and "The Producers" got a star Friday on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

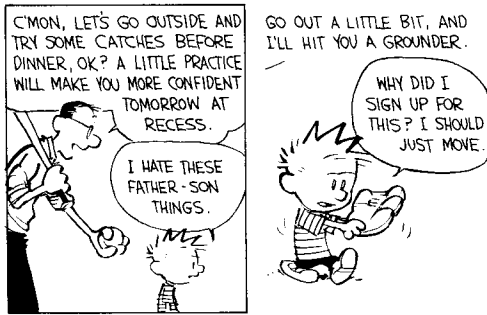
Brooks received the 2,406th star during a ceremony in front of the Egyptian Theatre. His son, Max, and friend, Carl Reiner, attended.

Brooks, who's 83, has won Emmy, Grammy, Oscar and Tony awards.

He's working on a musical version of "Blazing Saddles."

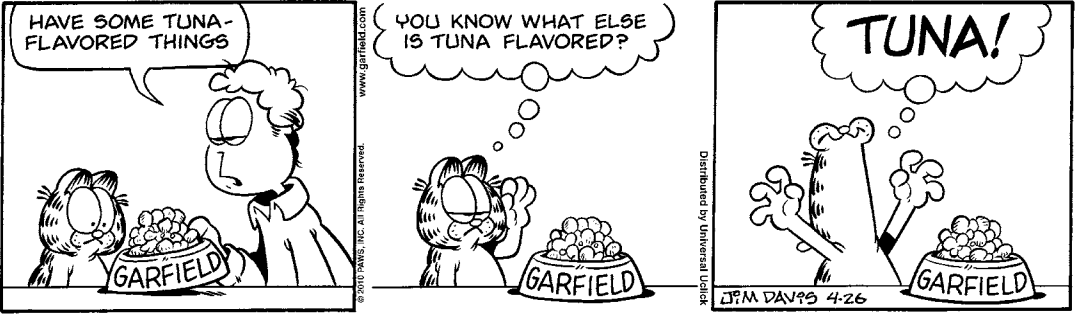
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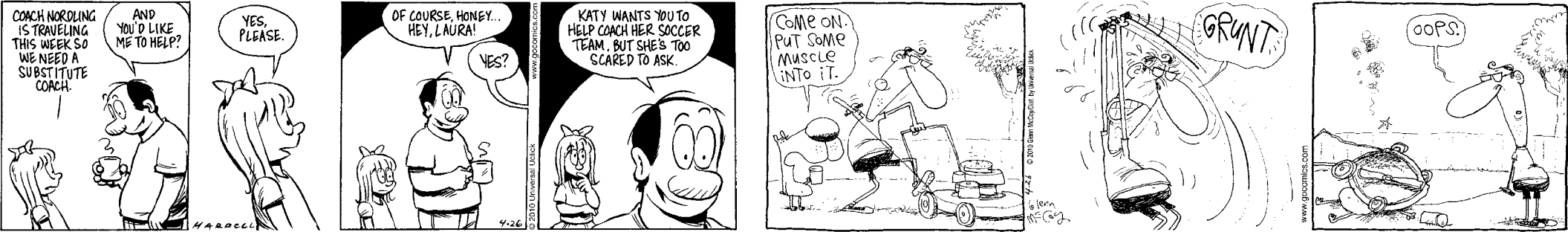


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25 Continental coin

26 Winter forecast

27 Danza or Curtis

28 Rotating parts

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30 "—, vidi, vici"

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54 Chewed and swallowed

Solution time: 24 mins.

Saturday's answer 4-26

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Channing Tatum, 30; Tionne "T-Boz" Watkins, 40; Michael Damian, 48; Carol Burnett, 77

Happy Birthday: Opportunities are open to you but you must get the ball rolling. Don't let your own uncertainty hold you back. There is plenty to gain if you stay mellow, do your own thing and refuse to get involved in other people's petty problems. Keeping a level head and staying focused on your own endeavors will lead to your success. Your numbers are 6, 9, 14, 22, 28, 31, 44

ARIES (March 21-April 19): The easier you are to get along with, the more you will accomplish. Put your efforts into doing a good job and being a team player and you will make gains far beyond your expectations. Listen and you will learn something valuable. ★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You don't have to make a fast decision or follow what someone else is doing if you feel uneasy. Minor mishaps can be prevented if you are careful. Being self-sufficient is a must. ★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Look at the bright side of any situation you face and you will sway others to think the same as you. Laziness or trying to get others to do things for you will be your only mistake. Do your best and you'll attract contributors and assistance. ★★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't get worked up with the excitement going on around you. Watch, listen and base your moves on what you want to see happen. An emotional issue can cloud your vision, causing you to miss out on a great opportunity. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your communication skills will not be stellar so, before you confront a situation that is bothering you, think matters through thoroughly. Once you disclose your ideas and thoughts, you will be open to criticism. Networking will be worthwhile. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't shy away from a responsibility that has the potential to bring you more clout and control. An opportunity to make a financial gain looks promising. Make a couple of changes to your portfolio and a partnership. ★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Be careful not to reveal too much information. Emotional matters will escalate if you discuss your plans with someone who doesn't agree with you. Concentrate on a creative project that will take your mind off your worries. ★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't waffle when you should be moving full steam ahead. Your fear is holding you back and, until you are ready to put that aside, you can't move forward. Sitting idle will be your downfall. ★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You may have to take care of responsibilities that don't belong to you or make changes that will limit your time. Look at the bright side and realize the positive side of your situation. You are likely to meet or start collaborating with someone who complements your plans. ★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Now is not the time to push or pick fights. Efforts put in at home or to improve your

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surroundings or your financial situation should be at the top of your to-do list. Talk with a trusted friend. ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Good fortune and a favorable connection with someone you find interesting can change your life positively. It may be time to change your lifestyle or at least to look into ways that you can improve your current situation. Love is in the stars. ★★★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Uncertainty will prevail but that shouldn't stop you from checking out alternatives and potential opportunities. A close relationship you have may be in jeopardy if either one of you is not being completely honest. ★★

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Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

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Saturday's SUDOKU Answer

Difficulty Level ★★

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WONDERWORD By DAVID OUELLET

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Thunder even series with 110-89 win over Lakers



OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)— At the time last summer when Kevin Durant suggested the Oklahoma City Thunder should be shooting for the playoffs this season, it was considered an outlandish statement.

But look at them now.

Durant scored 22 points, Russell Westbrook added 18 points and eight rebounds, and the Thunder evened the first-round series against the Los Angeles Lakers with a 110-89 victory in Game 4 on Saturday night.

"A lot of people didn't expect us to be here and once we got here, people were saying we were going to get swept and a lot of different things," Durant said. "We knew what we were capable of and how hard we play every day and how hard we practice every day."

"With those attributes, I think that we can go far as a team. It's all on us. We control our own destiny at this point."

For the second straight game, the Thunder capitalized on a significant edge at the foul line and on the boards despite the presence of the Lakers' 7-foot tandem of Pau Gasol and Andrew Bynum.

Oklahoma City never trailed after the opening 5 minutes and led by double digits for the final three quarters in a thorough dismantling.

"This is as big as a game can possibly be," Thunder coach Scott Brooks said. "You're playing against one of the best teams in the playoffs on your home floor. Like I told the guys after the game, the Lakers did a good job the first two games. They took care of their home court. We did the same thing."

Bynum had 13 points and 10 rebounds, and Gasol also had 13 points to lead Los Angeles. Kobe Bryant had 12 points after spending the entire first quarter deferring to his teammates and the whole fourth quarter on the bench with three other L.A. starters.

"I was managing the game exactly how I wanted to. Unfortunately, it got away from us," Bryant said. "By them getting out in transition and getting those buckets, I wasn't able to do what I normally do at the end of the game and close games out."

Lakers coach Phil Jackson stood by Bryant's decision to wait nearly 15 minutes into the game—and until his team was down by 15—to take his first shot, but said "It was a pretty good meltdown" in the second half.

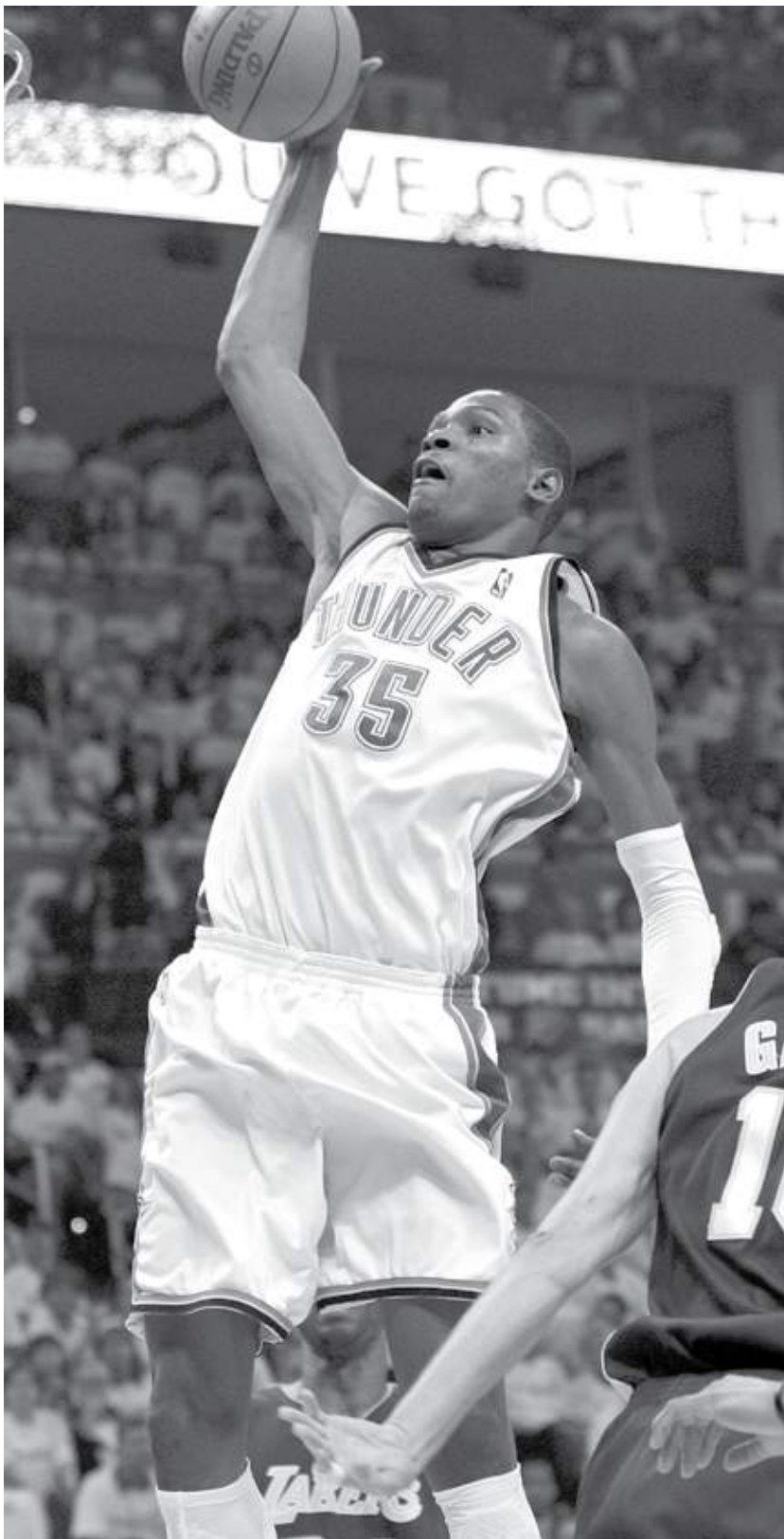
"Our expectation is we wanted to win both of these games and be done with it. I think that's every team's mindset coming on the road being up 2-0," Bryant said. "It's not the reality of the situation. We've got a tough fight, and it should be fun."

Game 5 is Tuesday night in Los Angeles.

After Durant clamped down on Bryant in the fourth quarter of the Thunder's 101-96 win in Game 3, the matchup between the NBA's youngest scoring champion and the 2008 MVP never materialized this time around.

Instead, both superstars were on the bench for the entire fourth quarter while lineups of mostly reserves toiled away with little more than the final margin at stake. Bynum was the only Lakers starter to play in the fourth, as Bryant, Gasol, Derek Fisher and Ron Artest stayed on the sidelines.

Bryant considered it a chance for extra healing time on his aching right



Oklahoma City Thunder forward Kevin Durant (35) dunks in front of Los Angeles Lakers forward Pau Gasol (16) in the first quarter of Game 4 of a first-round NBA basketball playoff series in Oklahoma City, Saturday, April 24, 2010.

knee, which has required a "boatload of treatment" lately.

It was the Lakers' largest playoff loss since Boston's clinching 131-92 victory in Game 6 of the 2008 finals. Oklahoma City held a 50-43 rebounding edge and shot 20 more free throws—finishing 42 of 48—while leading by as many as 29.

"The only thing that did cross my mind was, 'Wow! We're up on the Lakers by 29,' and a big part of me thought that. You don't expect that," Brooks said.

Oklahoma City grabbed the lead early and pulled away with a 12-0 run late in the first quarter. Westbrook had the first six points in the rush and Bryant headed to the bench for his first rest of the game while Oklahoma City surged to a 27-14 lead.

The Lakers were never within single digits again.

"It was a great feeling but we know we've still got work to do," Westbrook said.

The Thunder are still fighting against history. Only three of 52 eighth-seeded teams have ever pulled an upset against a No. 1 seed, and

Jackson is 44-0 when his team wins Game 1 of any playoff series.

But who expected Oklahoma City, the youngest team in the league, to make it this far in the first place? The team won only 23 games last season and made no significant free-agent acquisitions before its 27-win improvement.

Now, they're guaranteed at least the chance to extend their season until Game 6 on Friday night back on their home court - and maybe beyond.

"You have to be ready right now," said James Harden, who had 15 points.

Blazers 96, Suns 87

At Portland, Oregon, Brandon Roy made a surprising return from knee surgery as the Portland Trail Blazers evened their NBA Western Conference first-round playoff series with the Phoenix Suns at two games apiece with a victory.

LaMarcus Aldridge had 31 points and 11 rebounds for the Blazers, who unexpectedly activated Roy shortly before the game, eight days after he had arthroscopic surgery to repair torn cartilage in his right knee.

Roy didn't start and played a rela-

tively quiet 26 minutes, finishing with 10 points, but hit a key 3-pointer with 4:55 left that gave Portland a 85-79 lead and swung the momentum of a close game.

Amare Stoudemire led the Suns with 26 points. The series returns to Phoenix on Monday.

The Blazers were much more competitive at the start than they had been the past two games and led 54-50 at halftime.

The game was tied 74-74 early in the fourth quarter. The Suns were unable to pull ahead, despite poor shooting by the Blazers from the field. Portland missed 12 straight shots but was able to stay in the game on the free throw line.

Then came Roy's 3-pointer with 4:55 left to make it 85-79. He made a jumper with 2:10 left that gave the Blazers a 91-83 lead, their biggest of the game.

Magic 90, Bobcats 86

At Charlotte, Orlando overcame Dwight Howard's continuing foul trouble to beat Charlotte and take a commanding 3-0 series lead.

Howard played only 26 minutes and fouled out with 3:32 left. But Jameer Nelson had 32 points, including a key late basket, and backup center Marcin Gortat hit two free throws with 12 seconds left to put it away.

Charlotte's Stephen Jackson scored 19 points, but was 6 of 18 from the field and missed a key 3-pointer in the final minute.

For the third straight game, Howard played about half the game, finishing with 13 points, eight rebounds and seven blocks, but the Magic can clinch a spot in the second round with a victory here in Game 4 Monday.

The cold-shooting Bobcats, meanwhile, face the prospect of a first-round sweep in their first playoff appearance.

Charlotte hadn't hosted a playoff game since the Hornets' last year here in 2002 before bolting for New Orleans. But with owner Michael Jordan squirming in his seat, the 6-year-old Bobcats wilted in the fourth quarter despite the biggest crowd in franchise history.

Nelson's floater in the lane with 1:32 left put Orlando ahead 85-82. After an empty possession for each team, Raymond Felton's driving layup with 52 seconds left cut the lead to one.

Nelson then missed a contested layup, giving Charlotte the ball with 31 seconds left. But Jackson was badly short on a straightaway 3-point attempt.

Vince Carter hit two free throws at the other end, Felton missed a shot in the lane, and Gortat then hit 3-of-4 free throws to put it away.

Bucks 107, Hawks 89

At Milwaukee, John Salmons scored 22 points on 9-of-11 shooting and Milwaukee never let up after a hot start to beat Atlanta and close the series deficit to 2-1.

The Bucks shot 68 percent in the first quarter and 51 percent for the game, and were never seriously threatened after building a 19-point, first-half lead.

Veteran Kurt Thomas had eight points, 13 rebounds and four stitches and rookie Brandon Jennings added 13 points for Milwaukee.

Joe Johnson scored 25 for Atlanta. Game 4 is Monday in Milwaukee.

The Hawks shot 39 percent for the

game, and only once appeared poised to make a run. They cut the lead to nine early in the third quarter, but Jennings and the Bucks turned up the pressure.

Bohn leads weather-plagued Zurich Classic



AVONDALE, La. (AP)—Jason Bohn had a three-

stroke lead Saturday when third-round play in the weather-plagued Zurich Classic was suspended because of darkness.

Bohn, celebrating his 37th birthday, shot a 5-under 67 in the completion of the second round and was even par through six holes in the third.

"What I'm most excited about how I'm just really focused and I'm very patient at what I'm trying to do," Bohn said after completing the second round.

Greg Chalmers and Alex Cejka were tied for second at 9 under. Chalmers played seven holes in the third round, and Cejka completed six.

"I'm a little bit tired today," Cejka said. "But I'm glad I got seven holes in or 6 1/2 and I'm 2-under par today."

Chalmers was one of the few well-rested players Saturday after completing his second round Friday.

"I had a pretty relaxing day, really," the Australian said. "Sitting around watching TV, bored out of my mind for about eight hours. Then I came out and played seven holes, six holes really well, and one hole just average."

Kevin Sutherland, Greg Owen, John Senden, Jeff Overton and Shaun Micheel were 8 under. Sutherland finished 11 holes, while the others were still on the front nine.

The rain and lightning that stopped play Friday and delayed it Saturday morning gave way to strong wind that gusted to more than 40 mph by the afternoon.

"I'm going to say that the rain is what helped the golf course," Bohn said. "It's allowed us to play it with this wind and it's still accessible. Without the rain, if you were to have this kind of wind with it as dry as it was on Thursday, it could be treacherous."

Third-round play was set to resume at 7:30 a.m. Sunday. Bohn, the 2005 B.C. Open winner, will open with a 17-foot birdie putt on the par-5 seventh.

"Another long day, yeah," Bohn said as he left the course Saturday night after playing 24 holes. "I have 30 holes to play or something tomorrow."

The first tee time for the fourth round of the \$6.4 million tournament is scheduled at 9:45 a.m., with the last group going off at 11:45 a.m. The players will not be repaired for the final round.

"Hopefully we'll have good weather and we can finish in time," Cejka said.

Rays overpower Blue Jays late



ST. PETERSBURG, Florida (AP)—Jason Bartlett and Ben Zobrist

drove in two runs apiece during a seven-run eighth inning that set up the Tampa Bay Rays' 9-3 win over the Toronto Blue Jays in the American League on Saturday.

Tampa Bay's B.J. Upton tied it at 3-3 with an RBI single in the eighth off Scott Downs (0-2). Reid Brignac drew a bases-loaded walk and John Jaso was hit with a pitch as the Rays took a 5-3 lead. Bartlett and Zobrist added two-run singles to make it 9-3.

Jaso also hit his first major league homer.

Adam Lind and Lyle Overbay homered for the Blue Jays, who had their six-game road winning streak snapped.

Rays pitcher Dan Wheeler (1-0) struck out Alex Gonzalez with two on and two outs in the eighth to take the win.

Yankees 7, Angels 1

In Anaheim, Andy Pettitte pitched eight sharp innings to steer New York over Los Angeles.

Pettitte (3-0) struck out eight and walked none. He gave up his only run on Torii Hunter's sacrifice fly in the sixth.

Robinson Cano had four hits, and Nick Swisher and No. 9 hitter Francisco Cervelli each drove in two runs for New York.

Angels starter Joel Pineiro (2-2) worked six innings and allowed six runs, two more than he gave up in 20 1-3 innings over his first three starts.

Indians 6, Athletics 1

In Oakland, Mark Grudzielanek hit a tiebreaking single with two outs in the eighth inning and Cleveland went on to beat Oakland.

Cleveland starter Fausto Carmona (3-0) had another stellar outing, scattering seven hits over 7 1-3 innings and striking out four while lowering his ERA to 2.96.

Austin Kearns had three hits and three RBIs while Mike Redmond doubled and scored twice for the Indians, who snapped a six-game losing streak to the A's.

Twins 9, Royals 7, 12 innings

In Kansas City, Joe Mauer matched a career high with five hits as Minnesota edged Kansas City.

Mauer, last year's AL MVP, finished 5 for 6 with two RBIs, including a sacrifice fly in the 12th that gave Minnesota an insurance run.

Denard Span singled home the go-ahead run in the 12th inning, after Justin Morneau hit a tying, two-run homer in the seventh for the Twins, who overcame an early 5-1 deficit.

Minnesota reliever Jon Rauch (1-0) gave up Jose Guillen's tying double in the 11th but held on in the 12th with the help of a disputed call at second base.

Delmon Young led off the Minnesota 12th with a double against Royals' Robinson Tejeda (1-2).

Tigers 8, Rangers 4

In Arlington, Johnny Damon drove in two runs and scored twice, helping Detroit rally from an early four-run deficit to beat Texas.

Damon extended his hitting streak to 11 games and has reached base in



Tampa Bay Rays' Jason Bartlett, left, and John Jaso, center, score past Toronto Blue Jays pitcher Jeremy Accardo on a single by Rays' Ben Zobrist during the eighth inning a baseball game Saturday, April 24, 2010 in St. Petersburg, Fla.

14 straight (18 hits, 11 walks) since an 0-for-14 stretch.

Texas starter Scott Feldman (1-2) wasted a 4-0 lead by allowing eight runs, four earned, over 3 2-3 innings. He walked four and threw a wild pitch on which Detroit scored two runs to go ahead to stay.

Detroit's Eddie Bonine (2-0) pitched three scoreless innings in relief to take the win.

White Sox 5, Mariners 4

In Chicago, Alex Rios hit a game-ending two-run homer in the ninth to give Chicago victory over Seattle.

Trailing 4-2 in the ninth with one out, Paul Konerko hit a solo home run off Mariners closer David Aardsma (0-1). With two outs, Carlos Quentin walked, then Rios went long into the left-field bleachers to give the White Sox consecutive game-ending homers.

In the top of the inning, Casey Kotchman hit a two-run ground-rule double to give the Mariners a two-run lead. Kotchman's drive to right was picked by a fan and first base umpire declared the play dead after a run scored, but the umpiring crew overruled the call and allowed Jack Wilson to score from first.

White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen was ejected for disputing the call.

Red Sox 7, Orioles 6

In Boston, Marco Scutaro and Kevin Youkilis each hit a three-run homer as Boston scored six times in the seventh inning to rally from a two-run deficit and beat Baltimore.

The Orioles fell to 2-16, losing their fifth straight game and 10th in a row against the Red Sox despite a season-high 17 hits.

With a strong wind blowing out to left field, the teams combined for five homers over the Green Monster. Jason Varitek hit a solo shot for the Red Sox.

Boston's John Lackey (2-1) gave up three runs in seven innings to take the win.

The Orioles scored three in the ninth to cut a 7-3 deficit to one run, but after giving up three straight singles, Boston closer Jonathan Papelbon struck out two batters to earn his fifth save.

Baltimore's Matt Albers (0-3) took the loss for the second straight night.

Giants 2, Cardinals 0

In San Francisco, San Francisco pitcher Barry Zito struck out 10 batters over

eight crisp innings to steer the Giants to a win over the St. Louis Cardinals.

Zito (3-0) outpitched Adam Wainwright (3-1) to come out on top in an impressive pitchers' duel, earning his first career victory against the Cardinals after previously going 0-4.

Pinch-hitter Andres Torres singled in the go-ahead run in the eighth as San Francisco inflicted St. Louis' first series defeat of the season.

Marlins 4, Rockies 1, 1st game Rockies 8, Marlins 1, 2nd game

In Denver, Florida and Colorado split their doubleheader.

In the opener, Florida starter Ricky Nolasco (2-0) limited the Rockies to one run in eight innings, striking out a season-best nine and walking none to improved to 3-0 with a 1.64 ERA at Colorado.

Rockies starter Greg Smith (1-2) gave up four runs in five-plus innings.

In the second game, Colorado starter Aaron Cook (1-2) showcased the effective sinker that had eluded him in his three previous outings, notching his 32nd career win at Coors Field—the most by any pitcher. He also singled twice and scored two runs.

Colorado's Miguel Olivo hit his 100th career homer.

Florida's Jorge Cantu singled in the opening game to extend his hitting streak to 21 games, but that ended in the late game. He was hitless in four at-bats, though his sixth-inning groundout drove in the Marlins' run.

Quiet in the opener, Rockies batters tagged Marlins starter Nate Robertson (2-1) in the second game.

Phillies 3, Diamondbacks 2

In Phoenix, Jayson Werth hit two homers, including a tiebreaking shot in the ninth inning, as Philadelphia downed Arizona.

Raul Ibanez also connected for the Phillies, tying the game with a drive in the seventh inning. Werth hit a mammoth shot to center off Juan Gutierrez (0-2) with two outs in the ninth.

Philadelphia's Ryan Madson got three outs for his fourth save in five attempts. Jose Contreras (1-1) struck out three in a scoreless eighth for the win.

Padres 5, Reds 0

In Cincinnati, San Diego's winning streak reached eight with victory over Cincinnati.

Adrian Gonzalez homered for the

second straight day, Will Venable also connected and Yorvit Torrealba added a two-run double for the Padres.

Wade LeBlanc (1-0) pitched six scoreless innings for San Diego to take the win.

Reds starter Johnny Cueto (0-1) gave up five runs in six innings to lose in his first decision from four starts.

Dodgers 4, Nationals 3, 13 innings

In Washington, Russell Martin lined a two-out single in the 13th inning to drive in the winning run for Los Angeles against Washington.

Nationals reliever Miguel Batista (0-2) entered in the 11th inning and had retired the first two batters in the 13th before Rafael Furcal singled, stole second, then scored on Martin's full-count hit to center.

Carlos Monasterios (1-0), Los Angeles' seventh pitcher, threw the final 2 2-3 innings. In the 13th, he had allowed runners at second and third with one out. But Dodgers third baseman Casey Blake, who earlier had hit two homers, threw out Ivan Rodriguez at home plate to end the game.

Mets 3, Braves 1

In New York, Jason Bay hit a tying double in the sixth inning and Jeff Francoeur doubled in the go-ahead run in the seventh to lift New York over Atlanta.

New York improved to 5-1 in its 10-game homestand and at 9-9 evened their record for the first time since a 2-2 start.

Atlanta starter Jair Jurrjens (0-2) was 4-0 with a 1.60 ERA in five starts against the Mets last year, but could not prevent the Braves slipping to a season-worst fourth straight loss.

Manny Acosta (1-0) got the win in relief. His previous win was for Atlanta against the Mets last season.

Cubs 5, Brewers 1

In Milwaukee, Ted Lilly threw six shut-out innings in his season debut to guide Chicago past Milwaukee.

Lilly (1-0), back from shoulder surgery last year, struck out four.

Cubs pitcher Carlos Zambrano, normally a starter, made way for Lilly and instead made his first appearance out of the bullpen in almost eight years. He also hit a sacrifice fly in a three-run eighth inning.

Doug Davis (0-2) took the loss despite pitching six strong innings for Milwaukee, which has scored just two runs in two games since beating Pittsburgh 20-0.

Astros 5, Pirates 2

In Houston, the hosts beat Pittsburgh in a game that began with Pirates starter Chris Jakubauskas getting hit in the head by a Lance Berkman line drive.

Jakubauskas (0-1), called up from the minors, was making his first start of the season. Berkman drove a pitch straight back to the mound in the first inning, hitting Jakubauskas behind his right ear.

Jakubauskas was carted off and rushed to hospital, where he was being kept overnight for observation.

Astros starter Wandy Rodriguez (1-2) struck out seven and allowed just one earned run in 7 1-3 innings.

Hunter Pence and Pedro Feliz drove in two runs apiece for Houston.

Bears add to defense, pick QB LeFevour too



LAKE FOREST, Ill. (AP)—The Chicago Bears tried to bolster their defense even more in the final day of the NFL draft Saturday, picking two more players on that side of ball. And then they went and picked one of the most prolific quarterbacks in NCAA history to backup Jay Cutler.

With the 181st overall pick, the Bears chose Central Michigan quarterback Dan LeFevour in the sixth round. The Bears had inexperienced Caleb Hanie and former Northwestern player Brett Basanez behind Cutler last season and

have not added a free agent backup.

The 6-foot-3, 230-pound LeFevour finished his Central Michigan career with 15,853 yards of total offense, second in NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision history (Hawaii's Timmy Chang had 16,910). LeFevour is the only player in NCAA history with at least 12,000 passing yards (12,905) and 2,500 rushing yards (2,948).

LeFevour also ended his college career fifth in the FBS in career completions and 10th in yards passing. If he sticks with the Bears, he will be playing not far from his childhood home in Downers Grove, Ill.

"It means everything to me," said LeFevour, the first quarterback drafted by the Bears since Kyle Orton in 2005. "It's a dream come true, literally. I've been watching the Bears for quite a few years now. If you go in my room, it's decorated with all Chicago Bears stuff."

LeFevour expected to be drafted earlier, but understood that questions about his arm strength and playing in a spread offense at Central Michigan led to his fall.

"So it might not have happened in the round that I'd liked, but it's definitely to the right team and I'm very excited to be here," LeFevour said.

HANMI Golf set for June 5

HANMI The Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands will be hosting their 9th Annual Charity Classic Golf Tournament on June 5 at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort west course.

There is a \$95 early bird registration fee on or before June 3 with a \$110 registration fee on

the day of the tournament for the Championship, A, B, C, ladies, and seniors flights

Over \$40,000 in cash is at stake in hole-in-one prizes, while prizes for each flight include \$500 for first place, \$300 for second place, and \$200 for third place.

Each prize winner will also

receive a trophy and a hotel stay provided by HANMI.

An awards dinner and raffle drawing will be held on June 6, 6pm at the Fiesta Resort and Spa Saipan.

Registration forms are available at Laolao Bay Golf Resort, Coral Ocean Point Resort, the Marianas Country Club, and at

Hyatt Regency Saipan.

Last year's winner of the Championship Flight was newcomer, 19-year-old Ahn Jin. Jin carded a 1-over par 73 on the Agingan Point course to defeat two former HANMI golf champions.

Last year, about 130 players participated in the annual tournament, which HANMI organizes to raise funds for local community projects. *(Walter J. Sutherland)*

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ship Fight, with their scores in parenthesis, were Seung San Choi (84), Joe Lizama (84), Jeff Taylor (85), and Xerxes Camacho (86).

Lee said the Championship Flight had a tough field and he had to play it smart against his fellow Korean golfers to win.

“Although it was pretty hot today (Saturday), the wind was a bit strong, so I really had to make sure my ball go to the right direction. My shots were not that strong and long, they

just fell on the right places. I was grouped with these bunch of good players, so I had to be smart when hitting those balls,” Lee said.

Besides the Championship Flight, the eighth edition of the tournament also had competitions in five other divisions.

In the Ladies division, junior golfers Jeong Yoon Kim and Leina Kim dominated their class. Jeong Yoon topped the low gross category, after tying the day's best score of 73. Leina, who logged the second best low gross at 78 ruled the low net category (74).

In the Senior Flight, vet-

eran golfer Jess Wabol had a four-stroke lead over Tony Satur. Wabol fired a 2-over par 74 against Satur's 6-over par 78. Mori Toshiyuki completed the Top 3 with his 7-over par 79.

In the C Flight, Dave Cepeda defeated Young Jin Kim in the playoff hole (No. 17) with the former having only one bogey against the latter's double bogey. Cepeda and Young Jin Kim shot identical gross scores of 87. Kazumi Matsumoto finished third with his 90.

The B Flight title went to junior golfer Jun Yi Piao, who carded a 5-over over par 77,

downing fellow youth golfer Xian Lai Cui (80). John Cepeda was four strokes off the lead with his gross 81 to finish third.

In the A Flight, Laolao's Federico Flores capitalized on his familiarity with his home course to beat 17 other players. Flores posted a 7-over par 79 for a five-shot win over Paul Yu. Yu won on the scorecard tiebreak against eventual Thomson Palik. Yu and Palik had similar gross scores of 84.

The Top 3 placers in each division received cash prizes and a roundtrip ticket from Continental Airlines (Asia and Micronesia routes only).

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next weekend.

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again for the A's.

Next batter, Gregoria Muna, reached first off another costly error that would score two more for the A's and force Braves pitcher, Nathan Torres, to be relieved by Jay Kalen.

Kalen gave up a two-RBI hit to Ada and an RBI double to Justin Lisna before closing out the third.

With the score at 9-6 in favor of Athletics, Franklin Lizama belted an RBI double and stole home for the Braves in the fourth to make it a one-run game.

The Braves also fought back on the defensive side to keep the A's at bay in the fourth and fifth inning.

In the top of the sixth with the Braves trailing by a run, Ian Norita doubled up the middle that turned into a game-tying, inside-the-park homer and added some pressure on the A's late in the game.

But the A's would not be denied as Muna came through with a huge walk-off RBI single in the bottom of the sixth that knocked in Beltran Muna who

“Next up for me is the New York Open. Biba Marianas!” Camacho said.

The New York International Open Jiu-Jitsu Championship will

be held on May 1 at the City College New York. After the tournament n New York, Camacho will go to Long Beach for the World Jiu-Jitsu Championship that will

run from June 3 to 6.

Camacho is concentrating on grappling tournaments this year instead of joining octagon bouts to excel in jiu jitsu.

reached first earlier off an error.

Lions 9, Strikers 8

J.P. Taitano scored on a couple of bad throws as the Lions completed a 9-8 come-from-behind victory against Shell Strikers in extra inning.

Taitano first reached base off a dropped ball and a couple of extra bad throws allowed him to come all the around to the plate as the Strikers let a close one get away.

It was a sorry loss for the Strikers, who led most of the game.

The team struck first as lead off batter Jun Lizama was hit by a pitch and later scored off a passed ball to make it 1-0.

In the bottom half of the first, the Lions answered back scoring three runs as Jesse Kalen drew a walk and Taitano hit him in with a double. Elias Maliti knocked in Taitano with a triple and later scored off a passed ball.

In the second, the Strikers came up big as Perry Celis hit a two RBI triple to knock in Jose Terlaje and Lizama who reached off an error and a walk.

Strikers pitcher Juden Joyner singled in Celis and scored off

an error.

Later, Jesus Dela Cruz busted a two RBI double to knock in Marcus Camacho and E.J. Hemley who reached off a walk and an error.

Terlaje would single in Dela Cruz before the Lions would call on relief pitcher Elias Maliti to finally stop the bleeding.

With the Lions going scoreless in the second the score was at 8-3, Strikers.

Maliti simply pitched a great game, giving up zero runs while sitting down 13 Strikers in 5 and 1/3 innings pitched.

Maliti was able to contain the Strikers offense and allowed the Lions to claw back in the game.

Kalen led off the third with a single and was later knocked in by Maliti.

The Lions tallied another two runs in the fourth off a two-run homer by Marcelino Ogo.

After a scoreless fifth inning, the Lions still trailed by two in the sixth.

Taitingfong and Shaun Chaundry each reached first off a single and a bunt.

Ogo came up next and reached off a very costly two-run error that forced the game into extra innings.

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were all supposed to be competing in a six-mile NMIKRA event held at Killili Beach last Saturday.

As a result of failure to timely submit the required paperwork and waiver forms for the competition, the MCS boys' and girls'

teams, the Kagman boys' team, and the Southern High School girls' team were all disqualified from the long distance event.

The Southern High School boys' outrigger team was already declared ineligible for having low school grades.

MCS boys' and girls' outrigger squads were present at the event, but were not permitted to enter the race. They

had to sit on the sidelines and watch the MHS boys and girls race against the Kagman girls.

The MHS boys won with a time of 48:27, the MHS girls came in second with a mark of 58:06, and KHS girls brought up the rear with a 59:07.

Last year, MCS won the boys racing series division and the girls from Southern High

The Strikers did not answer in the top of the seventh and it took only one Lion batter to end the game, as Taitano played the game's hero.

Dragons 9, Twins 2

The Dragons dominated the Twins as the latter were only able to score two runs in the second inning off two 2 RBI single by Jun Atalig that scored P.J. Sablan and Anthony Sablan.

Although the Twins held a brief 2-0 lead after two innings, the Dragons came back big in the third inning and did not let up.

A hit, bunt, and a walk loaded up the bases for Alden Ngeskebei's two RBI double in the bottom of the third.

Peter Ngeskebei drew a walk before Chico Bondoc busted a two RBI base hit.

Ngeskebei scored off an error and Bondoc was knocked in by Franco Bondoc's grounder up the middle.

The Twins only managed to produce three base runners for the rest of the game and left all three of them stranded, while the Dragons added two more runs in the fourth and a run in the fifth to close out the game.

School topped last year's girls canoe racing series.

After the race, the Saipan Outrigger Canoe Club invited all of the teams to come back to Killili Beach next Saturday, May 1, at 9:00am and participate in various open races where no paperwork or eligibility will be required. The SOCC will also host a barbecue lunch for participants afterwards.

**TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES**

NBA LEADERS

Scoring	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
James, CLE	3	39	19	103	34.3
Anthony, DEN	3	38	21	99	33.0
Nowitzki, DAL	3	34	25	95	31.7
Wade, MIA	3	36	9	89	29.7
Richardson, PHX	3	28	15	85	28.3
Durant, OKC	3	27	26	85	28.3
Bryant, LAL	3	28	20	84	28.0
Williams, UTA	3	23	31	83	27.7
Rose, CHI	3	36	9	82	27.3
Duncan, SAN	3	34	9	77	25.7
Johnson, ATL	2	22	3	49	24.5
Westbrook, OKC	3	26	15	69	23.0
Nelson, ORL	2	14	12	45	22.5
Jackson, CHA	2	16	11	45	22.5
Jennings, MIL	2	17	4	43	21.5
Ginobili, SAN	3	22	13	64	21.3
Gasol, LAL	3	22	17	61	20.3
Pierce, BOS	3	18	18	61	20.3
Wallace, CHA	2	11	17	40	20.0
R. Allen, BOS	3	19	9	58	19.3

FG Percentage	FG	FGA	PCT
Jos. Smith, ATL	15	21	.714
Korver, UTA	13	20	.650
Hill, PHX	16	25	.640
Millsap, UTA	23	36	.639
Hilario, DEN	15	24	.625
Mbah a Moute, MIL	8	13	.615
Duncan, SAN	34	57	.596
Richardson, PHX	28	47	.596
Bibby, ATL	10	17	.588
Wade, MIA	36	62	.581

Rebounds	G	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG
Gasol, LAL	3	11	29	40	13.3
Camby, POR	3	9	28	37	12.3
Noah, CHI	3	11	25	36	12.0
Jos. Smith, ATL	2	7	17	24	12.0
Wallace, CHA	2	2	21	23	11.5
Millsap, UTA	3	10	24	34	11.3
Durant, OKC	3	6	27	33	11.0
Ilyasova, MIL	2	9	12	21	10.5
Boozler, UTA	3	5	26	31	10.3
Duncan, SAN	3	8	22	30	10.0

Assists	G	AST	AVG
Williams, UTA	3	35	11.7
Nash, PHX	3	35	11.7
Rondo, BOS	3	30	10.0
Rose, CHI	3	25	8.3
Kidd, DAL	3	24	8.0
Billups, DEN	3	22	7.3
James, CLE	3	21	7.0
Miller, POR	3	20	6.7
Jos. Smith, ATL	2	13	6.5
M. Williams, CLE	3	19	6.3

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Tampa Bay	13	5	.722	—
New York	12	5	.706	1/2
Toronto	10	8	.556	3
Boston	8	10	.444	5
Baltimore	2	16	.111	11

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	13	5	.722	—
Detroit	10	8	.556	3
Cleveland	8	9	.471	4 1/2
Chicago	7	11	.389	6
Kansas City	6	11	.353	6 1/2

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	11	8	.579	—
Seattle	9	9	.500	1 1/2
Los Angeles	9	10	.474	2
Texas	7	10	.412	3

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	11	6	.647	—
Florida	10	8	.556	1 1/2
New York	9	9	.500	2 1/2
Washington	9	9	.500	2 1/2
Atlanta	8	9	.471	3

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	10	7	.588	—
Milwaukee	8	9	.471	2
Chicago	8	10	.444	2 1/2
Houston	7	10	.412	3
Pittsburgh	7	10	.412	3
Cincinnati	7	11	.389	3 1/2

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Diego	11	6	.647	—
San Francisco	10	7	.588	1

Colorado	9	9	.500	2 1/2
Los Angeles	8	9	.471	3
Arizona	7	10	.412	4

Yesterday's Game

L.A. Dodgers 4, Washington 3, 13 innings

N.Y. Mets 3, Atlanta 1

San Diego 5, Cincinnati 0

Florida 4, Colorado 1, 1st game

Colorado 8, Florida 1, 2nd game

Houston 5, Pittsburgh 2

Chicago Cubs 5, Milwaukee 1

Philadelphia 3, Arizona 2

San Francisco 2, St. Louis 0

Cleveland 6, Oakland 1

N.Y. Yankees 7, L.A. Angels 1

Chicago White Sox 5, Seattle 4

Tampa Bay 9, Toronto 3

Boston 7, Baltimore 6

Minnesota 9, Kansas City 7, 12 innings

Detroit 8, Texas 4

ZURICH CLASSIC SCORES

AVONDALE, Louisiana (AP)—Results Saturday from the Zurich Classic, a \$6.4 million event at the 7,399-yard, par-72 TPC Louisiana course:

SECOND ROUND

Jason Bohn	65-67—132
John Senden	67-69—136
Jeff Overton	67-69—136
Lee Janzen	71-66—137
Alex Cejka	70-67—137
Brian Davis	71-66—137
Greg Owen	67-70—137
Shaun Micheel	70-67—137
Greg Chalmers	70-68—138
Jarrold Lyle	70-68—138
David Toms	69-69—138
Chris Couch	67-71—138
Troy Merritt	68-70—138
Chris Riley	73-66—139
Aron Price	69-70—139
Brenden Pappas	71-68—139
Stuart Appleby	72-67—139
Cameron Tringale	69-70—139
Kevin Stadler	70-70—140
Kevin Sutherland	68-72—140
Boo Weekley	70-70—140
Andres Romero	72-68—140
K.J. Choi	68-72—140
Michael Letzig	72-68—140
Garrett Willis	71-69—140
David Duval	68-72—140
Mathias Gronberg	69-71—140
Nick O'Hern	70-70—140
Ryuji Imada	71-70—141
Rory Sabbatini	69-72—141
Charley Hoffman	73-68—141
Chad Collins	72-69—141
Charlie Wi	74-67—141
Phil Schmitt	74-67—141
Jason Dufner	67-74—141
Charles Howell III	68-73—141
Steve Flesch	70-71—141
Chris Stroud	69-72—141
Nicholas Thompson	72-69—141
Josh Teater	70-71—141
Roland Thatcher	73-69—142
Justin Rose	70-72—142
Sergio Garcia	73-69—142
Daniel Chopra	72-70—142
John Merrick	72-70—142
Arjun Atwal	71-71—142
Ken Duke	72-70—142
Alex Prugh	72-70—142
Spencer Levin	73-69—142
Aaron Baddeley	70-72—142
Ted Purdy	72-70—142
Carlos Franco	70-72—142
Kevin Streelman	71-71—142
John Rollins	74-68—142
Troy Matteson	71-71—142
Joe Ogilvie	71-71—142
Jeff Klauk	70-72—142
Bubba Watson	71-71—142
Matt Jones	69-73—142
Chris Tidland	72-70—142
Tom Gillis	72-70—142
John Daly	72-71—143
Michael Connell	76-67—143
Cameron Percy	73-70—143
Rich Barcelo	69-74—143
Fran Quinn	71-72—143
Mark Hensby	71-72—143
Jerry Kelly	71-72—143
Billy Mayfair	74-69—143
Michael Bradley	73-70—143
Brad Faxon	69-74—143
Tom Pernice, Jr.	69-74—143
Craig Bowden	69-74—143
Andrew McLardy	72-71—143
Skip Kendall	71-72—143

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The Week in Sports

It was business as usual for CNMI athletes, as they hopped from one sports venue to another last week.

The Commonwealth's junior players had games at the Pacific Islands Club hard court for the first weekend of the 2010 CNMI Junior Tennis Championships. Some had their preliminary matches played at the American Memorial Park tennis court.

The CNMI junior tournament completed its semis cast in the boys U12, boys U14, and girls and boys U18 divisions.

After their tennis games,

Another busy week for CNMI athletes

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several netters went to the various schools fields for the regular 2010 NMIFA Youth Football Spring League. One notable performance at the pitch was Independent's 1-0 Tan Holdings FC-2, as the former notched its first win in the boys U14 division.

While the CNMI strikers were busy at the pitch, the Commonwealth's youth sluggers showed their wares at the Francisco "Tan

Ko" Palacios and Miguel "Tan Ge" Basa Pangelinan ballfields for the Saipan Little League Baseball matches.

The Docomo Patriots' Jeremy Rabauliman threw the first no-hitter of the season in their Junior League game against Ol'Aces.

The Saipan Major League was also played at "Tan Ko" ballfield inside the Oleai Sports Complex with the defending

champions St. Michael Rangers completing an eight-game regular season sweep, following a victory over the Brewers last week.

In the same complex, the NMIFA men's league had their usual three-game schedule with Matansa, MP United, and Inter Godfather's beating their respective foes.

In basketball, the Shirley's and Navy Hill leagues had their

games at the JP Center Basketball Court and Garapan Basketball Court, respectively. In the Navy Hill caging, Grillin split its two games, while Mix Blood won over GEC Pawnshop in Division B.

In the Shirley's caging, Bank of Guam posted the biggest win of the week, stunning Aqua Resort Club, 80-73.

Still in basketball, action in the 2010 MBFNMI 35A Mas-

ters Basketball League resumed at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium with six more teams making their debut in the newest caging on the island.

Over at the REM Center in Gualo Rai, the 2010 IT&E Singles/Mixed Doubles Badminton Competition completed its third week, giving players a peek on the playoffs cast in the various divisions.

Before the week ended, the CNMI sports community, particularly the Northern Mariana Islands Tennis Association, received sad news with the death of former Pacific Oceania Davis Cup player Lency Tenai.



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Bank of Guam's Gus Palacios, center, goes for a layup against Aqua Resort Club's Pete Lizama, left, and Jaymar Torres during their game in the Shirley's caging at the JP Center Basketball Court last week.



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Alex Park goes for a return against Steven Goodwin during their boys U12 singles game in the 2010 CNMI Junior Tennis Championships at the AMP tennis court.



ROSELYN B. MONROYO
MP United's Kirk Schuler kicks the ball during their game against Tan Holdings in the NMIFA men's league at the Oleai Sports Complex last week.



ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Andreau Galvez serves against Macoi Aguda during their men's A singles division game in the 2010 IT&E Singles/Mixed Doubles Badminton Competition last week weekend at the REM Center in Gualo Rai.



ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Independents and Tan Holdings FC-2 players in action during their game in the boys U14 division of the NMIFA spring league at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.



ROSELYN B. MONROYO
A Falcons batter watches a low ball during their game against the Shell Strikers in the Majors division of the SLLB at the Miguel "Tan Ge" Basa Pangelinan Ballfield.



ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Team 3's Junar Guiab goes for a layup against Team 1 during their game in the 2010 MBFNMI 35A Masters Basketball League on April 17 at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium. Team 3 won, 90-64.

Thunder even series with 110-89 win over Lakers

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Lee reigns supreme in NMC Open

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Korean golfer Jong Won Lee competed in the 8th Annual NMC Foundation Open Golf Tournament for the second straight year and this time finished on top of the field, ruling the centerpiece Championship Flight.

Lee carded a 1-over par 73 on the west course of the Laolao Bay Golf Resort on Saturday to beat six other golfers in the Championship Flight, including 2009 champion Seong Woo Kang. Kang failed to defend his title when he dropped to third place, losing in the scorecard playoff to eventual runner-up Jong Hoon Park.

Lee placed fourth in his debut in the annual fundraiser last year, after shooting a net 75, three strokes of Kang's winning gross score of even par 72. This year, Lee turned the tables on Kang with the former drilling an even par 36 on the front and a 1-under par 37 on the back for a five-stroke lead over the latter and Park.

Kang struggled in the first nine holes with his 5-over par 41 before tying Lee's score on the back nine. Park was consistent on the front and back nines, tallying identical scores of 3-over par 39.

Others who joined the Champion-

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Jong Won Lee watches his ball after teeing off at the No. 13 during the 8th Annual NMC Foundation Open Golf Tournament at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort on Saturday.

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'The Crank' wins gold, again

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A month after striking a gold medal in New Jersey, CNMI's Frank "The Crank" Camacho added another one to his collection, winning in a tournament in Ohio.

Camacho was entered in the blue belt division of the 2010 Ohio Grappling Challenge and swept all his four bouts in the 180- to 189-lb weight class to claim another gold medal.

Fighting out of the Lloyd Irvin stable, Camacho scored a 17-0 win in his first bout and then beat his next two opponents via Kimura. Kimura is a submission hold commonly used in MMA fights. This submission affects mainly the shoulder joint, as the joint lock hyper-rotates the shoulder causing intense pain and the tap out. This grappling technique is named after the great judo master Masahiko Kimura.

Camacho dueled Jeremy West in

the gold medal fight and won convincingly on points, 5-0.

The event in Ohio is the second of the series of grappling tournaments in the CNMI pride's calendar.

On March 21, Camacho joined the 5th Beast of the East Grappling and Jiu Jitsu Tournament at the Caldwell College in Caldwell, New Jersey. He

won his first two bouts in New Jersey via Kimura and then had a 7-0 victory in the finals to take the gold medal.

Last Saturday's (Sunday on Saipan) Ohio tournament was held at the Ridgeview Junior High School in Pickerington with over 200 grapplers, youth and adults like, joining the annual event.

In Ohio, Camacho was with fellow Lloyd Irvin fighter D.J. Jackson who settled for a bronze medal. After the tournament in Ohio, Camacho returned to Maryland to prepare for another tournament

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The CNMI's Frank "The Crank" Camacho, right, poses with D.J. Jackson after the two Lloyd Irvin fighters won gold and bronze medals, respectively, in the 2010 Ohio Grappling Challenge at the Ridgeview Junior High School in Pickerington.

A's sneak by the Braves, 10-9

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The Athletics rallied to beat fast-starting Braves, 10-9, last Saturday in the Majors division of the Saipan Little League Baseball at the Miguel "Tan Ge" Basa Pangelinan Ballfield.

The Braves jumped ahead early, racking up six runs in the first three innings off of a triple, five hits, and a couple of errors.

Later, the Athletics answered back with a huge nine-run inning in the bottom of the third.

Donavin Ada started the spree by reaching first on a fielder's choice and the next two batters walked to load the bases.

Athletics pitcher Christian Lizama singled in Ada from third and kept the bases loaded.

Next batter, Phillip David, reached off a costly error that brought two more A's in to score.

With two runners on base, Austin Ada drew a walk to load up the bases

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Athletics left fielder Beltran Muna crosses home plate to score the winning run in a close 10-9 win against the Braves.

MHS boys top DQ-marred race



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Clockwise from back row left, Ellis Miller, Eldred Sanchez, David Barnhouse, Lyle Deleon Guerrero, Mike Tenorio, Centennial Sapemang, Coach Scott Hayden, and Chad Hamilton represented the Marianas High School Outrigger Team in last Saturday's race.

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It was a weak turnout for the 2010 Interscholastic Outrigger Canoe Racing Series 3 as five out of eight participating teams in the Northern Mariana Islands Kanu Racing Association's high school

races were disqualified this weekend due to ineligibility and failure to submit paperwork on time.

Boys' and girls' outrigger teams from Marianas High School, Kagman High School, Saipan Southern High School, and Mount Carmel

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